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## Father and son are Grand Masters of Magic

BY DOUG DAVIDSON

**There have been 18 Grand Master of Magic awards in the past 50 years and father and son, Ken and Paul Bates, have received the award - Ken in 2009 and Paul this year.**

They are the only father and son magicians to have achieved this top honour.

The criteria includes - "are acknowledged by their fellow magicians to be masters of the art and craft of magic ... must be performers of a high standard ... originators of magical effects ... have graced our art and made a special contribution over many years."

The citation for Paul reads: "Paul Bates has a life time interest in magic; it is in his heritage and in his genes. The son of Mr Wonderful, Grand Master of Magic, Ken Bates and the frustrated beautiful assistant Shirley, has been nurtured in a magical environment."

Paul's heritage of magic actually goes back to his grandfather, Fred, who was fond of doing magi-

cal tricks and who would transport a 12 year old Paul to children's parties here in Wanganui.

The Bates' came to Whanganui in 1972 partially because Shirley's brother lived here. Ken opened a fruit and veggie shop in Dublin St and later on Taupo Quay. Shirley opened a florist shop and then a fashion boutique.

Ken's first show was at the Brunswick Hall and payment was in kind - a small ham, pickles and a cake. It was the beginning of a lifetime in magic shows in Whanganui, New Zealand and overseas. He will be well known in Whanganui and says, "I have done birthday party shows for children of parents for whom I also did shows. It was intergenerational."

After he won a Magic Convention in the 1990s in Wellington, he was approached by an audience member who asked him to do a show at his restaurant

- which just happened to be in Vanuatu. They paid for their own flights but were hosted in Vanuatu while doing the shows. He did this for 13 years in a row.

Combining with Shirley they won the Best Magic comedy show four times, although Shirley admits, "I hated it. It was hard work." You can see the show on YouTube - check NZ Top Comedy Magic - Ken Bates.

However, Ken tells the story of a less than successful venture at an International Brotherhood of Magicians show in the USA. He practised his performance until it was perfect, including the jokes. He says, "The audience was mainly Japanese and they couldn't understand me. It was a complete flop."

Back in Whanganui Ken performed regularly at the Palm Lounge and once in the Opera House, ironically for a Mayoral show



Ken and Paul Bates with Shirley

for visiting Chinese. He continued until he turned 80, a few years ago.

In the meantime, Paul worked for Air NZ for 15 years, including entertaining on flights as well as

doing a variety of shows for Air New Zealand Koru Care raising money for children with special needs.

But the lure of full-time magic called and in 1994

after extensive research and two years "creating my own brand," he emerged as Zappo the Magician.

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## Check out what's in this week's RCP

Ken Bates is well known in Whanganui for his magic shows but his son Paul, based in Greytown is also a magician. Both of them are so good that they were made Grand Master of Magic – Ken in 2009 and Paul earlier this year. (See our front page). If Paul has a show in Whanganui, as he hinted to the RCP that he might do, book a ticket.

I found the story of Pura McGregor fascinating (page 10) and I am looking forward to seeing the replacement metal waka memorial to her taking pride of place in Virginia Lake.

We have two 'response' stories on 'roaming and menacing dogs.' The first is a response to a question we asked the District Council after we were approached by a representative of a Facebook group on the subject. The second is a response from Jane Frericks of the group to the Council. Hopefully a satisfactory conclusion can be reached as the issue is a serious one (page 3).

Congratulations to the team at Balance



**Doug Davidson,**  
journalist@  
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Accounting for raising \$13,000 for the Cancer Society (page 19). It involved a lot of hard work especially the team doing the catering for over 100 people at the Golf Course.

Congratulations also to Zac and Scott from Collegiate for completing a 10 week pilot kerbside recycling project (page 2).

There is a short story on declining subscriptions to daily newspapers (page 21). If these papers are to survive they will have to come up with new ways to attract customers.

- Doug Davidson

## Collegiate students prove a kerbside recycling service possible in Whanganui

Two senior Collegiate students, Scott Bryant and Zac Wilson, carried out a 10 week pilot kerbside recycling programme recently. They focused on Springvale and 40 houses responded to their offer of a once a week pick up of recyclables over the 10 weeks for \$35.

The school helped them by providing a truck and a driver from the maintenance team and one of the parents lent them their trailer. They did the pick-ups from 3.15pm to 5.30pm including when it was wet. They said, "The rain just made the job a bit harder. The paper and the cardboard tended to get wet. You had to be more careful to avoid slipping. The wind could also be a problem." They asked the households to weight the containers down with a brick or piece of concrete, which they did.

They consulted the District Council and the Resource Recovery Centre, (RRC) which provided "amazing support." Scott and Zac

went with them on a service run and saw how things worked. The Centre also provided them with 20 fages (wool sacks) to collect the items. After deciding to restrict the plastics to 1 and 2 items they found it didn't work, so they ended up by collecting all plastic numbered items.

Otherwise they collected tins, milk bottles, glass, paper and cardboard and other plastics.

At the conclusion of the pilot they surveyed those who participated. The results were very positive.

- 100% said it was good value for money.
- 97% said it was convenient and a saving of time going to the RCC themselves and positive for the environment.

As for the challenges faced by the participants, 84% said they struggle with finding the time to go to the RCC, 58% didn't like sorting out the different plastics and 56% find it hard to find storage space at home.

The two will be sending a report through to



**Scott and Zac at the RRC**

Council and believe that a larger scale project would work. They doubt, however, whether it will be commercially viable. Labour costs would be high with the time taken to sort the plastics. However, there are kerbside recycling ventures throughout the

country. A figure from 2007 showed that 73% of New Zealanders had access to kerbside recycling with presumably local bodies subsidizing it.

Both Scott and Zac say they learnt a lot from doing the pilot. They also gained 9 excellence

credits in Business at NCEA level 3 and were in the top seven and the only local Whanganui representatives in the Manawatu Youth Enterprise Regional Awards. They were also invited to present their findings at the recent AGM for Sustainable Whanganui.

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He based himself in Wellington, teaching aerobics and being a maître d' in a restaurant, while doing birthday parties, until he was able to do magic full time.

Paul describes himself as a family entertainer – doing manipulation, making things disappear, pulling rabbits out of hats and being a ventriloquist – while also doing children and educational shows. He is also a professional balloon twister. This includes running balloon sculpture workshops for both older children and also for business team building.

Over the years he has won numerous awards at

Magic Conventions and from the Variety Artists Clubs of New Zealand. He has also lectured in magic here and in Australia.

He was in Whanganui in May this year for two weeks at pre-school childhood centres "teaching sustainability, kindness and good manners through magic." Back in 1995 he helped his Father, Ken and the Whanganui Club run the Magic Convention in Whanganui.

There are a number of Magic Clubs or Circles. Paul is President of the Wellington one and says "there are some Whanganui magicians who attend the one in Palmerston North." He adds,

"It is a great opportunity to share tricks, keep standards high and make friends. The clubs are there for everyone from the professional to the weekend to the hobbyist. One popular trend", he says "is cardistry, especially for younger ones from teenagers through to those in their 20s."

Paul has performed at the Whanganui Memorial Centre and is open to having more shows here. Watch this space. As the citation for being a Grand Master of Magic states, "He has served magic well, graced our art and make a special contribution over many years."

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# 'Roaming and Menacing Dogs' - what the Council is doing

We received an inquiry from Jane Frericks of the Facebook group 'Protect Whanganui from Roaming and Menacing Dogs' and asked the District Council for a response. Warrick Zander, Compliance Operations Manager, from the District Council sent us the following information.

Whanganui people love their dogs - we have one of the highest rates of dog ownership in the country. The number of known dogs in our district varies yearly between 7,900 and 8,000; on average we believe we have a ratio of one dog to every 5.7 people.

Dog owners have a responsibility to know and comply with the laws concerning dog ownership. Dogs must be registered, properly looked after, kept under control at all times and not a nuisance to other animals

and people.

Whanganui District Council has a capable and experienced animal management team that works hard to prevent animal-related inconvenience, nuisance or safety issues for the community.

The team has stepped up patrols recently after reports of roaming dogs. Dogs roam for lots of reasons but at this time of year female dogs are in heat which can lead to dogs roaming away from their home properties.

Our animal management officers - including a dedicated education officer - take a proactive approach to help dog owners manage and look after their dogs including working with dog owners to identify why their dog has escaped to prevent it from happening again.

The first time a known (i.e. registered) dog is picked up for roaming, it

will be returned home if it can be secured there. We'll phone the registered owner to let them know their dog was picked up roaming.

Otherwise, dogs picked up for roaming will be taken to the dog pound. The registered owner will be sent a notice giving them the reason for the dog's impounding. They are required to pay a fee to have their dog released.

In both instances we ask owners to make sure their dog does not roam again. If a second complaint is received, one of our animal management officers will visit the property and talk directly to the owner.

Owners of roaming dogs may be issued with an infringement notice. Multiple infringements can lead to disqualification as a dog owner.

**Review of Dog Control Bylaw**  
Justin Walters, Policy

Analyst, Whanganui District Council advises the following: Whanganui District Council regularly reviews its bylaws to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the community. Our Dog Control Bylaw is due for review in 2020.

To help prepare for this review, it was considered prudent to include some questions about dogs in the survey we conducted recently for the review of the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw even though that bylaw does not cover dogs. We'll use the information gathered about dogs in the survey, along with feedback from Jane Frericks and her supporters, when we start reviewing the Dog Control Bylaw next year.

We'll let the community know closer to the time how they can contribute to that review.



Roaming dogs spotted recently in Whanganui

## Response to Council's statement on roaming and menacing dogs: Jane Frericks

"Based on experiences shared in our Facebook group of over 300 Wanganui residents, what the Council has detailed (in above article) as being standard practice is not adequate, nor are these practices currently being implemented to the fullest.

"One problem seems to be that most of these attacks happen at night and most dogs that roam, appear to be let out to roam at night. Not only does Animal Control not patrol at night, they also will not come out at night to collect a roaming dog unless it has been contained by a member of the public.

"As I work at night I see roaming dogs, sometimes packs of them, almost every night. It is unrealistic that I could stop my car and try to contain them until Animal Control arrives and also dangerous. So the regularly roaming dogs are not picked up and are not likely to be if the current practices don't change.

"We have photographs



Molly was mauled to death on her driveway a couple of weeks ago by two roaming dogs, which were also seen and reported earlier for chasing horses on the same street.

of the same dogs out roaming week after week and in some cases month after month, that are reported and not picked up or impounded. Because concerned residents on

social media are now sharing information about dogs multiple, unrelated people are able to identify the same dogs and compare experiences.

"Jane sent the RCP pic-

George, a 10 year old Main Coon cat that was attacked and killed on his own lawn recently, in front of his owner's eyes



tures of a cat that was ripped apart on his own lawn recently, in front of his owner's eyes and a small dog which was mauled two weeks ago by two roaming dogs, which were also seen and reported earlier for chasing horses on the same street.

"It's not only animals being mauled. My neighbours have moved because they didn't believe it was safe for their small children to play on the property. Large dogs have been jumping fences onto properties at night, which we also have photos of. Elderly people are being terrorised by their neighbours' constantly roaming dogs that are not being picked up for whatever reason.

"As a group, we feel that this situation needs urgent attention. We don't want to attack Animal Control officers who may be doing their best within the current guidelines but we feel the policies and practices need addressing urgently and with the number of deaths and attacks being reported during the nights, Animal Control should be in a position to recognise that urgent change is needed. Next year is far too late for the number of people who are still being victimised by this ongoing situation.



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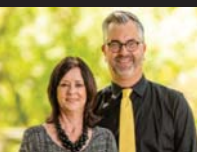
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## Plenty on offer at Kowhainui Home's day programme



### Kowhainui Home's day programme provides a range of activities

Bowls, bingo and scrabble are just some of the favourite games played by attendees of Kowhainui Home's day programme.

Cooking or gardening are other options if that is more suited, Kowhainui Home Manager, Trish Boswell says. "The activities are tailored to the group's interests and are flexible enough to happen in a way that suits the attendees."

The day programme is designed to provide a place for elders to socialise, as well as providing relief for carers – especially if a family member is providing a majority of the care at home.

"The day programme is also available for those who are living alone and might want some interconnectedness with others," Trish adds.

Those who are interested but unsure about the day programme are usually invited along to see if it suits them. Kowhainui Home Diversional

Therapy Team Leader, Frances Craven, says they can also provide an activities calendar to anyone who is interested so they get a good idea of what goes on.

The home can organise a van to collect day programme attendees and take them back home in the afternoon.

"It works well for people who are living alone and are not quite ready for permanent care but might want some company," Trish says.

The day programme runs on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am until 3pm. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided.

Enliven's Kowhainui Home and Villages in Otamatea offers independent retirement living, rest home and hospital level care, as well as short-term respite, health recovery care and an engaging day programme. For more information call the friendly team on 06 349 1400 or visit [www.enlivencentral.org.nz](http://www.enlivencentral.org.nz).

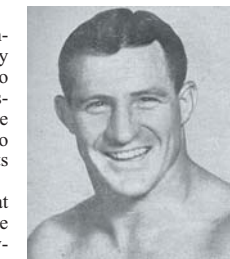
- By J B Phillips

A world wrestling champion, record setting jockey and a golfer who went so close to winning the prestigious British Open are the latest inductees into the Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame.

They are the late Pat O'Connor, who held the world professional heavyweight wrestling title for 31 months between 1959 and 1961, jockey Brent Thomson, winner of 2500 races in 27 countries including a record four Cox Plates within five years in Australia and golfer Simon Owen who won 17 major tournaments and was co-runner-up in the 1978 British Open.

The induction of the trio of professional sportsmen during last week's Ray White-sponsored Whanganui Sports Awards boosts the Hall of Fame ranks since 2008 to 29 individuals and three family groups from 14 different sporting codes.

Wrestling and horse racing are two new sports to the local Hall of Fame.



Pat O'Connor

Raetihi-born Pat O'Connor, who played sport and trained in Whanganui, was a New Zealand amateur heavyweight champion (1949-50) and was runner-up in the 1950 Empire Games in Auckland.

He served briefly in the NZ Air Force and was a blacksmith in Whanganui, training with the late Don Anderson before moving to Wellington.

Then it was off to America to try his hand in the professional ranks, winning the 1955 National Wrestling Alliance world tag title with Roy McLanty in Chicago, a title they held for a year.

O'Connor also won the NWA British Empire title in Toronto and the Canadian Open tag title with Billy (Whipper) Watson.

His major achievement, however, came in his then home city of St. Louis on January 9th, 1959, when he ended the 13-month reign of NWA world champion Dick Hutton, winning the title with a spinning leg lock.

The New Zealander defended the title for 31 months before losing to Buddy (Nature Boy) Rogers before a North American record crowd of 38,622 at Chicago's Comiskey Park on June 30th, 1961. The attendance record stood for 25 years, until 1986.

During his reign as world champion the American Wrestling Association seceded from the NWA in May 1960 and he is the only wrestler to have held both the NWA and AWA world titles at the same time.

He later briefly held both the AWA (1967) and WWA (1968) world tag team titles with Wilbur Snyder.

Those were in the days well before the switch of genuine pro wrestling into the present circus-like vaudeville sport that still attracts huge crowds but is a far cry from the old days.

O'Connor, who died from cancer in St. Louis at the age of 65, was inducted into the United States Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame.

He was held in such esteem, both as a competitor and later as a promoter, that memorial services were held in both St. Louis and Kansas City.



Brent Thomson

Whanganui-born Brent Thomson, son of former successful trainer, the late Kevin Thomson, had an outstanding record as a jockey with his 2500 winning rides around the world between 1973 and 2000.

He had nicknames in racing circles as the "Whanganui Whiz-kid" and later "The Babe" and his career included being a stable jockey for well known trainer, Colin Hayes over the Tasman and for English owner, Robert Sangster in the British Isles.

Thomson was a very flamboyant racing identity, wearing flash clothing and driving expensive cars.

He won a feast of major races in Australia, was the first non-Australian to win the Victorian state premiership (three times), won four weight-for-age Cox Plates within five seasons including a record hat-trick and two Caulfield Cups.

Thomson won 30 races within the first five months when he rode in Britain, chalking up back to back Ascot Gold Cup victories during his stint with Sangster.

After a return to Australia he was lured to the rich Asian circuit for five years.

During his career he rode 54 Group 1 winners including the 1984 Baden Baden Grand Prix in Germany. He now lives in Melbourne where he is a NZ Bloodstock representative.



Simon Owen

Simon Owen, locally born in 1950 and now a teaching professional at Lochiel, won titles in Scotland, Italy, Tunisia, Malaysia, Australia and Fiji as well as the 1976 New Zealand Open and the 1978 NZ PGA championship.

In 1978 he fired six birdies within seven holes, in-

cluding chipping in from off the green to lead his playing partner, American legendary, Jack Nicklaus, with just three of the championship 72 holes remaining.

Nicklaus carded a birdie and two pars to eventually complete a hat-trick of British Open titles, winning by two shots from Owen and the American triumvirate of Tom Kite, Ben Crenshaw and Raymond Floyd.

Owen contested a dozen British Opens and the 1979 US Masters but it was the head to head battle against Nicklaus that was his finest effort.

The Kiwi beat England's Peter Oosterhuis with a birdie on the first extra hole of a play-off to win the 1974 German Open, his first European title, and two years later he headed off Brian Huggett (Wales) and David Ingram (Scotland) by two shots to win the 1976 International Double Double Diamond championship at Gleneagles.

Owen also won the 2001 Tunisian and 2007 Italian open titles in play-offs on the European Seniors circuit.

He won the Fiji Open in 1972, NZ Open in 1976, NZ PGA and Malaysian Masters in 1978, South Australian Open in 1980 and the Tahiti Open in 1981.

He was in the NZ team along with Frank Nobilo and Greg Turner that reached the semi-finals of the 1990 Dunhill Cup tournament at St. Andrews, a year after making his debut in the event.

Owen, who also played for New Zealand in the 1973 and 1989 World Cup, now lives in Kinloch but a back injury has kept him out of golf for the past three years.

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The Whanganui Hall of Fame, which started in 2008, now comprises of six individual rowers, five rugby players, three each from athletics and hockey, two each from bowls, cycling and golf and one each from basketball, cricket, diving, horse racing, softball and wrestling.

There are also three family groups who have been involved in golf, hockey, motor cycling and softball.

The 2019 selection panel comprised Keith Smith (Chairman), Sue Haden (Whanganui Heritage Trust), Nicky Malipaard (Sport Whanganui), Hamish McDouall (Whanganui District Council), Ken Mair (Whanganui Iwi), Ron Palenski (Dunedin - NZ Hall of Fame), Mark Stoneman (multi sports) and John Phillips (media).

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Age Concern Whanganui has an Accredited Visiting Service. The service has caring volunteers who are keen to spend time with an older person. Many of them are older people. Our volunteers visit their special person for about an hour each week. They tell us that they enjoy

the opportunity to get to know someone and that they benefit and learn from the experience.

A regular visit is something to look forward to. Our co-ordinator, Clare Fearnley, can match you with a volunteer who shares your interests and who would like to get to know you. We'll find the right visitor, the right company - for you. Having a visitor can make a real difference. These are some of the things people have told us about having a visitor:

"Joan has become a very special friend to me. She keeps in touch regularly, especially if I am unwell. We have lots

in common. I am very happy that she has come into my life."

"I could not be more delighted with my visitor. She brings intellectual stimulation and love into my life. And humour!"

"I am not so lonely, and feel I have a friend."

"I have someone of my own."

What they do together is varied. This has included: book swaps, bottling, playing music, knitting, making plans for the garden, discussing news and current affairs. Over time, we notice that people's health and wellbeing improve, they regain some independence and make other

social connections. Some visitors bring their dog or their children. Quality friendships can develop with the visitor becoming a trusted fun buddy - for example, "she is almost a family member".

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## Christmas in the Country

Christmas in the Country... Is happening again at St. Oswald's the little Church in the country, Cnr SH3 Westmere and Western Line on Thursday, 5 December.

We shall premier the play "The Three Wise Men - A Faith Journey" with children from St. Oswald's and Westmere School.

This is a very popular event, so you need to come early. A festive supper will be served.

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# 'Afghan Cycles' movie to raise funds for Green Bikes

Afghan Cycles is a documentary about the obstacles that young Afghani female cyclists face and the threats they endure just for the privilege of training, competing and riding. As the movie explains, strict adherents to the most conservative sects of Islam see women doing anything outside the home as a violation of religious law, making women subject to severe retaliation if they stray from proper dress and demeanour.

The movie will be shown at Confluence on Thursday, December 5 at 6.30pm. Confluence is upstairs opposite the entrance to the Davis Theatre on Watt St. It is a fundraiser for 'Green Bikes', the community bike repair place at the back of the Resource Recovery Centre on Maria Place Extension. Tickets cost \$10 and can be bought at [www.confluence.kiwi/store/p138/TT1204.html](http://www.confluence.kiwi/store/p138/TT1204.html) or at the door. There are limited seats.

The movie follows courageous young women and girls who risk their lives every time they go out to train and compete in their beloved sport. It delves deep into the personal lives of its subjects, with each young woman having their own personal reasons for why they cycle beyond their love of the sport. For instance, Nahid, one of the members of the Afghani National Team, cycles for her younger brother who she used to ride to school on her bicycle. He was killed in a suicide bomber attack.

Sean Coates writing for the Denver Film Festival says, "Whenever the film gets out on the road with the cyclists, especially with the national team, it's exhilarating and compels you to get out of your seat and get on a bike. The B-roll of the cycling is shot superbly, effortlessly tracking the riders whether they are training or just going for a ride. These scenes capture the looks of shock and disapproval from the people the women pass on the road, further representing how their community views women on bicycles."



Islam females risk their lives every time they ride a bike.

## Damian Johnson wins annual Dual Hill Climbs

The annual dual hill climb racing event took place last weekend – Pukerimu Rd on the Saturday and Brunswick Road on the Sunday. Car racing enthusiast, Darryl Seymour, was there – this time as a spectator and photographer. He supplied the RCP with the following information and picture.

Damian Johnson in his Mitsubishi Galant VR4 3400 did the Brunswick Road run the quickest in 1 min 19.48 seconds, just ahead of Alan Austin in his Mazda RX7 in 1 min 19.79 seconds. Mark McGuinness was third in his Subaru Impreza in 1min 25.96 seconds. Twenty-one cars participated. Damian's time is a new record. He also won the Pukerimu Hill climb.

However, the award for the "Best entertainer," says Darryl, "has to go to Paul Tulloch in his Toyota Mr V8 4000 for his two big donuts. He carried on and was 5th overall." Darryl says, "Paul was using narrower rally tyres and changed to road tyres."



Damian Johnson in his Mitsubishi Galant VR4 3400 who won both hillclimb events last weekend. Note the raised back tyre off the road.

(Photo courtesy of Darryl Seymour)

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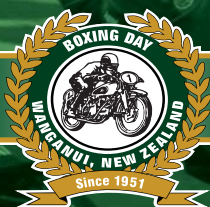
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# Region gets new electronic bus cards



A regional integrated ticketing system is being rolled out in the Horizons Region, with Whanganui buses the first to get the new tag on tag off system. Horizons Transport Manager, Phil Hindrup, says Whanganui will be the first city in the region to make the switch to the new Bee Card on 9 December.

"For Whanganui, from 9 December Horizons' GoCard will no longer work. Palmerston North, Marton, Feilding, Ashhurst and Levin will follow suit, making the switch to the Bee Card in early 2020," says Mr Hindrup.

"Bee Cards will be free for a limited time with a minimum five dollar top up.

"We're encouraging passengers to get their new Bee Card in time for the switch, either on board the bus, at the Whanganui iSite, or Horizons' office on Guyton Street.

"Bee Cards are also available to order from beecard.co.nz, however we recommend picking them up in person to ensure you have your card in-hand ready for the switch."

Horizons Chair, Rachel Keedwell, is pleased to see the Bee Card introduced to the region's passenger transport services.

"The Bee Card is a welcome change as the tag on tag off functionality provides us with rich data, some of which we aren't able to currently collect. This data includes information on passenger use, hot spots along the routes and fare collection, which will be highly beneficial in informing our future network planning," explains Cr Keedwell.

"The Bee Card has new features for our passengers too if they register the card online at beecard.co.nz.

"These features include being able to check the card balance online, manage multiple cards - which will be so handy for families and setting up an Auto Top Up to ensure

you will always have sufficient funds to travel.

"Concessions for seniors, beneficiaries, students and children can also be loaded onto the card once it's registered, ensuring these passengers are all charged the correct boarding price without the need to show ID. Our SuperGold Card customers will all need to get their concession loaded on to the card in order to access the national free travel scheme.

"In the lead up to the switch, we're encouraging existing GoCard users to run their balances down as they will have to apply in person at our Horizons Whanganui office to have their balances transferred after the Bee Card goes live."

Horizons is one of nine New Zealand regions moving to the Bee Card. A consortium of regional councils has been formed to make the project more cost effective and ensure robust technology and shared marketing resources.

"Many of the regions were facing out of date and increasingly obsolete technology with their bus ticketing systems, while others hadn't previously

had cards available," explains Mr Hindrup.

"By all joining together we were able to pool costs and benefits, to get the best deal for our ratepayers.

"The Bee Card system is provided by German-based INIT, who is a world-wide supplier of technology solutions in the public transport sector.

"Horizons are the second region to roll out the Bee Card and we have decided to progressively launch within our region as we have numerous centres to target.

"The remaining regions will begin to launch in 2020."

## Golf results

### Golf - Castlecliff 9 Hole Club

Thursday 21 November, 3x3x3 Tournament with 18 Holers, Tony Cox and Rawinia Connors 24.5, Rodney Donaldson and Herb Compain 25, Alan Cameron and George Flintoff 27.5.

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### Tawhero 9 Hole Golf Results - 26/11/19

Nola Denman Trophy: Tawhero Total Nett 341, Castlecliff Total Nett 345.

**Par Round 2: Division 1 Mixed:** Pauline Boyle 2 under, Peter Granger 1 under, Roger Sherriff, Ray Rahui, Tony Hore, Kaye How & Joan Shore all square.

**Division 2 Mixed:** Leo Boyle 4 under, Brian Quinn & Jan Ruby 2 under, Bev Shingles 1 under.

**Twos:** Leo Boyle.

The Positive Ageing Forum was recently given details of the bowel screening roll out in Whanganui. This summary was provided by Lauren Tamehana, Manager Safer Whanganui from the Whanganui District Council.

\* It is free for men and women aged 60-74 years.

\* Invited to participate every two years with the invitations generated from a national population register.

\* 11,815 people in Whanganui DHB region will be invited to participate in the first two years.

### Invitation

\* Invitation letter and information booklet sent around your birthday.

\* People with an even birthday (e.g. 10 November) invited during first year.

\* People with an odd birthday (e.g. 11 November) invited during second year.

### Test Kit

\* Test kit sent two weeks after invitation letter.

\* Contains test, instructions and a consent form to be completed at home.

\* Completed test and signed consent form returned in post.

\* Test analysed by laboratory.

### Key messages



\* There may be no warning signs that you have bowel cancer.

\* People who are diagnosed with early stage bowel cancer and who receive treatment early, have a 90% chance of long term survival.

\* Bowel screening every two years can save lives by helping find bowel cancer at an early

stage, when it can often be successfully treated.

\* Bowel screening can also detect polyps that may develop into cancer over a number of years.

\* Regular screening is important, as some cancers do not bleed all of the time and some may develop in between tests.

\* A positive test does

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# Have your say on the new vision for Majestic Square

Mainstreet Whanganui and the Whanganui District Council's Town Centre Regeneration Committee would like to hear ideas from the community on the redevelopment of Majestic Square.

"We are beginning to have a conversation with the community about how we can better utilise Majestic Square and create a really successful and active central public space in the heart of our town," says Mainstreet General Manager, Des Warahi.

"We already have a design for the space which was created by internationally-renowned designers, Urbanismplus in 2016 as part of town centre regeneration planning," says Des Warahi.

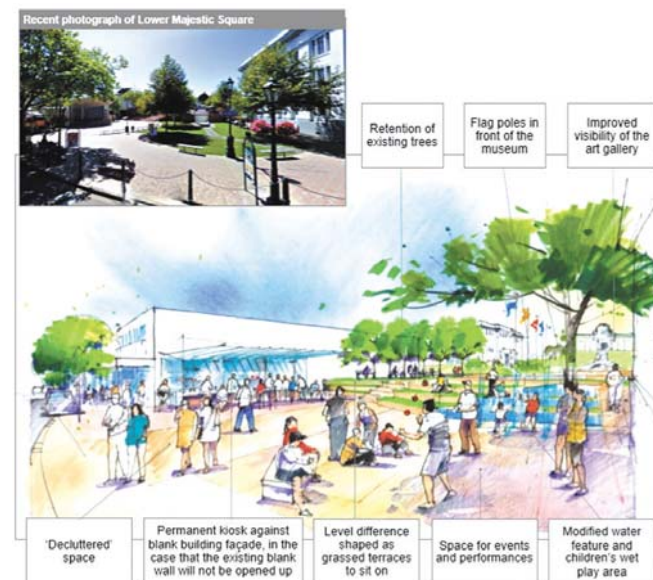
Town Centre Regeneration Project Manager, Ellen Young, says, "Urbanismplus identified Majestic Square as an area which could be made much more functional for both events and as an active central city community gathering space."

"They took community feedback into consideration and came up with some clever design solutions for a tricky space and we're now asking the community to contribute to the final design," says Ellen Young.

The Urbanismplus design includes reinstating the view from Cooks Gardens to the Sarjeant Gallery, adding grassed terraces to act as informal seating during events, integrating the existing water feature into the steps and creating a children's water play area.

Ellen Young says community feedback will be taken into consideration when the design for Majestic Square is finalised in 2020.

"As a community project, most of the costs



ABOVE FIG. 12-9: Artist impression for Majestic Square with the Lower square in the foreground.

will be secured through fundraising with some seed-funding from the Council. The construction start date will be dependent on this funding," says Ellen Young.

Councillor Helen Craig, Chair of the Town Centre Regeneration Committee says, "People will have noticed the gradual transformation of our town centre, with the addition of Whanganui Walls street art, the Conversation Station Little Park, and the Ridgway Pop Up that appeared last summer."

"Mainstreet has contributed to this with their on-going activity in the town centre including management and contribution to the cost of the recent installation of fairy lights in the trees down Victoria Avenue."

"Now it's Majestic Square's turn – the time is now to have your say. We'd love to hear people's bright and innovative ideas for how we could create a really successful space where our diverse community will want to gather and connect," says Cr Craig.

To find out more visit the Majestic Square page on the Council website or have a chat to Des Warahi and Ellen Young at the following events:

\*Majestic Square at 11.30am-1.30pm on Wednesday 4 December and Thursday, 5 December 2019.

\*Whanganui River Markets on Saturday, 30 November.

\*Public meeting at 5.30pm, Tuesday, 10 December in the Pioneer Room, Whanganui War Memorial Centre.

The Whanganui Town Centre Regeneration Committee comprises Whanganui District Councillors, community members, Mainstreet Whanganui, Whanganui & Partners, local iwi representatives and Council officers.



ABOVE FIG. 12-10: Artist impression for Upper Majestic Square.

## New liquor laws come into force next week

Whanganui District Council's Local Alcohol Policy one-way door condition and maximum trading hours for licensed premises will come into force on Monday, 2 December 2019 – three months after notification that the policy took effect.

Clauses 1, 2 and 5 of the policy immediately came into effect on 2 September 2019, with clauses 3 and 4 requiring a three-month lead-in period.

The policy aims to reduce alcohol-related harm in the Whanganui



Anyone exiting an on-licence one hour before the establishment closes won't be admitted or re-admitted

District by: Considering the location of licensed

premises in relation to sensitive sites such as schools; limiting the number of off-licenses (excluding supermarkets and grocery stores); introducing a one-way door restriction for on-licenses where licensed hours exceed midnight and maximum trading hours for licensed premises; and including discretionary conditions for the District Licensing Committee.

The Council's Compliance Operations Manager, Warrick Zander says, "The tighter maximum trading hours and one-way door condition of the Local Alcohol Policy are the final clauses of the policy to come into force."

"There was a three-month lead-in time to these restrictions to enable the Council to clearly communicate the new requirements to licensees and give them time to prepare for the changes."

"These final restrictions will contribute to a safer Whanganui by reducing alcohol availability and staggering the timing of patrons leaving on-licensed premises,"

Warrick Zander says.

Police and Licensing Inspectors will visit licensed premises to check and assist licensees' compliance with the new requirements.

The Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 allows councils to adopt a policy relating to the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol for their district.

The provisions of the Local Alcohol Policy coming into force on Monday, 2 December 2019 are:

**Clause 3 – A one-way door restriction will apply**

A one-way door restriction for on-licenses where licensed hours exceed midnight. This means anyone exiting an on-licence one hour before the establishment closes won't be admitted or re-admitted.

**Clause 4 – Maximum licensed hours.**

Maximum hours for on-licence tavern, bar, pub or nightclubs are 8.00am to 2.00am the following day. For clubs and on-licence restaurants, the maximum hours are 8.00am to midnight.

Maximum licensed hours for off-licence grocery stores, supermarkets and bottle stores are 7.00am to 10.00pm. Maximum licensed hours for off-licence hotels, bars, taverns and cellar doors are 7.00am to 9.30pm.

The Local Alcohol Policy is available on Whanganui District Council's website at [www.whanganui.govt.nz/files/assets/public/policies/local-alcohol-policy-2019.pdf](http://www.whanganui.govt.nz/files/assets/public/policies/local-alcohol-policy-2019.pdf)

## Nanchang arriving in Whanganui this Saturday



It could be a quiz question – A Nanchang is (a) a weapon, (b) a fruit or (c) a Chinese airplane. The answer is a Chinese plane named after the city of Nanchang.

About eight years ago a syndicate of private pilots in Wellington bought a Nanchang CJ-6 light attack aircraft once used to train pilots in the People's Liberation Army air force.

One of them, Rodney Maas, is flying it to Whanganui this Saturday to show it to his parents, Gordon and Jill Maas, who

live in Gonville.

The Nanchang design dates back to the 1950s, although the plane Rodney is flying was built as recently as 1987.

The simplicity of the design and ease of handling make it a great machine for qualified pilots to practise aerobatics, with many finding it easier to land than a regular trainer. The layout of the cockpit is basically the same as a World War II generation machine.

The plane has a maximum speed of 370kmh and

can fly up to 18,000 feet.

The plane was originally equipped to take rockets and may have had guns attached for gunnery training. Some of the equipment inside the tandem cockpit has been replaced to meet New Zealand standards, along with comprehensive overhauls for the engine, propeller and airframe.

The city of Nanchang is the capital and largest city of Jiangxi Province in South-eastern China. Its population is around 5.3million.

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# Pura McGregor (1855-1920) - a remarkable woman

Last week we reported that the Pura McGregor Waka memorial, which was in Virginia Lake, is to be replaced. Who was Pura McGregor? Relying on previous newspaper articles including a couple written by the late Athol Kirk plus information from two readers and descendants of Pura – Dom Scanlon and Megan Wallbuton – we have put together the following story.

Pura McGregor was the daughter of the Chief Te Manihera, born on the Whanganui River at Karatia (on the opposite side to Korinititi) in 1855. She was the niece of Te Mawae, a chief of Putiki and also of Hori Kingi te Anau and Rere o Maki, mother of Te Rangihwini, known as Major Kemp. All three signed the Treaty of Waitangi in Whanganui.

Athol Kirk wrote: "Pura McGregor had been one of five girls who accompanied her cousin, Major Kemp with his Wanganui contingent, in the pursuit of Te Kooti. After canoeing up the Wanganui River the party went on foot through the Waikato and on to the Urewera and out to Opotiki. They saw action on many occasions. On one such engagement, Pura is said to have climbed a tree and waved a Union Jack to encourage the Wanganui contingent."

Pura was recommended to be a recipient of the New Zealand War Medal but the application was turned down on the grounds that there was no provision for a woman to receive such an honour.

She married Gregor McGregor despite the disapproval of Gregor's mother, Catherine. In the

book 'Petticoat Pioneers' it is mentioned that Catherine "refused to speak to Pura until about three weeks before her death." Gregor worked for Pura's stepfather, Stewart Manson, looking after his stores in Ranana and at Murimotu and later became the first manager of Morikau station at Ranana.

In 1908 Pura bought 129 Harrison Street, a large house with outbuildings including stables. It is now the base for the New Vista Rest Home. She became an active member of the Beautifying Society, organising Maori women from up river to collect native shrubs and bringing them to Whanganui where they were planted at Virginia Lake.

When WW1 broke out, Pura formed the Putiki Maori branch of the Lady Liverpool League. As Athol Kirk points

out, "This group sewed for the Red Cross. It also sent food parcels to the Maoris serving overseas in the Maori Pioneer Battalion."

When a Queen Carnival was held to raise funds, Pura stood as a Maori princess, raising a large sum of money and was crowned Queen of the Carnival.

She was recognised in the King's birthday honours of 1919 with the Order of the British Empire, the first Maori woman to receive the honour. After she died in 1920, a half totara waka painted with traditional rafter patterns was erected on the marae of the old Toronui pa which had occupied the Virginia Road end of Virginia Lake, as a memorial tiki.

An important part of Pura's legacy was a bequest of her personal taonga to the Whanganui



Gregor McGregor, his wife Pura and their son George, 1910. (Photo by Frank J. Denton)

## Sylvia's Tappers to put on show next month

Sylvia Shepherd came to Whanganui about five years ago and within two weeks started a class in tap dancing. She had been doing tap dancing since the age of nine and had returned to it when she was 40 and running classes up in Auckland.

From the initial three people who joined up, Sylvias Tappers now has close to 30. There are three levels of classes from beginners on a Tuesday at 1.45pm to the more experienced on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$10 per session.

The more experienced dancers have been entertaining residents in rest homes plus their own end of year show at their base which is in their studio at



Some of the tap dancers – Nanette, Susan, Cherie, Doreen, Sylvia, Shirley, Peg, Maggie and Pat

the Greyhounds complex. But on Sunday, December 15 they are moving up a level by having a two hour show at Memorial Hall. It is at 2pm and admission will cost \$10. Tickets sold

at the door.

There will be about 20 tap dancers performing and it will be a great opportunity to not only enjoy the movement and sound, but also to find out more

about tap dancing.

If you are interested in joining Sylvia's Tappers, Sylvia emphasises "No prior experience is need-

ed. Our classes are suitable for beginner's right up to experienced dancers." You can phone her on 027 288 4887.

Regional Museum which has been on display here and other places in New Zealand.

There are many descendants of Pura McGregor. Two local descendants who contacted us directly (others did so through our Facebook) are:

• Dom Scanlon: sister of Chris from Wellington, who is described as a 'spokesperson for Pura's whanau.' He was pictured as a youngster with their father Joe, next to the original me-

morial. Dom says she attended a McGregor reunion about 40 years ago and adds, "Most McGregors now live in Levin." Dom and Chris are great, great grandchildren of Pura.

• Megan Wallbuton: Megan is the great granddaughter of Margery McGregor (1855 to 1940) who she believes was the sister of Gregor. Her grandmother, Mabel Venus Gregor, married a Tovell-Soundy and her father, who died in 1995, was Gregor Earnest Tovell-Soundy.

Another descendant was Helen McGregor who married Henry Sarjeant, who bequeathed the money to set up the Sarjeant Art Gallery.

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## UNITED CRICKET

Property Brokers United P1s were up against fellow unbeaten side Collegiate. It was a weakened United side with almost a full complement unavailable. Thus we took the field with 10 players. Some of whom were David Jones Motors P2s, who had the bye.

It was one of those days where nothing seemed to fire and it took some lousy blows from our middle to lower order to compile a defendable total. Brendon Walker hitting 18 off 19, Robbie Power 13 off 21, Zeb Small 14 off 12 and top scorer being the evergreen Marty Pennetfather with 23 off 30. Making just 105 for 5 off our 20 overs.

To their credit Collegiate bowled well and they probably batted even better. Our fielding and bowling has been mostly exemplary the last few games but that deserted us this week as bowlers

missed their lengths and we dropped 4 or 5 catches in the field. The highlight being young debutant, Ratu Latus, regular P2 player, picking up his first P1 scalp with his first ball. Collegiate knocking the total off in the 13th over.

I need to make mention of a couple of United feats over the weekend. Keightley Watson picked up the Junior Sportsman of the Year award at the Regional sports awards. So well done Keightley. In Chappell Cup news, our returning club pro, Greg Smith, made a well compiled rep 100 on Friday. Making 118 not out off just 110 balls against Wairarapa. My 8 year old will think Greg is a god for his feat, thankfully Greg is a lot more humble than that and has also been selected to represent CD A this week. Well done Greg, keep up the hard work.

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Jules is an apartment sitter at Bartholomew, one of Manhattan's most high-profile and mysterious buildings. As she gets to know the residents and staff, Jules finds herself drawn to fellow sitter, Ingrid. When Ingrid disappears, Jules digs deeper into the Bartholomew's dark past and into the secrets kept within its walls.

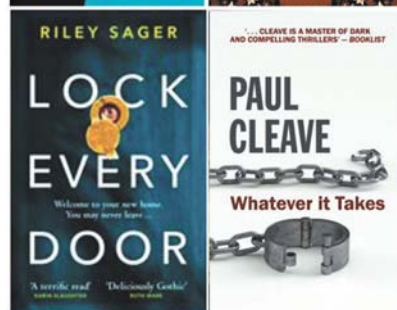
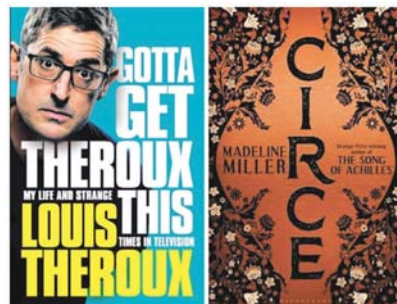
### Circe - Madeline Miller

A beautifully written literary fantasy and part divine Greek soap opera - a combination which makes for a book that is extremely quotable, rich in description and detail and is also a page turner. It moves seamlessly between the broader scope of the world and its many gods and monsters, to the more narrow focus of the nymph-turned-witch, Circe.

### Whatever it Takes - Paul Cleave

When 7 year old Alyssa is kidnapped, Deputy Noah Harper decides he will do what it takes to find her - but that means crossing lines he can never come back from. Now, 12 years later, Alyssa is missing again and her father wants him to honour the promise he made to her all those years earlier - that he would never let anything bad happen to her again. To find her, Noah is going to have to come face to face with the past.

These books are available at all good bookstores, and of course, Whanganui District Library!





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## IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

Y9 & 10 Prizegiving at 11am  
in the Hall

Y9 & 10 finish & reports  
issued



PRINCIPAL'S  
NEWSLETTER  
FOR  
NOVEMBER  
2019

# Celebrating success!

Congratulations to our Senior students and thank you to all whānau who were able to attend our various award evenings. The Junior Prizegiving is on Friday 6th December at 11.00am. We welcome whānau to attend and join us in celebrating the achievements of our Year 9 and Year 10 students.

Martin McAllen  
Principal, Whanganui High School

### PRINCIPAL'S ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 11

Katrina Anderson  
Emma Forrester  
Grace Gould  
Akshima Marwah  
Lennart Nowak  
Will Southee

Troy Brennan  
Georgia Forrester  
Blair Gowan  
Sophie Maxey  
Tayla Robbertsen

Brianne Drefko  
Molly Fothergill  
Rose Hird  
Ciaran Mee  
Jenna Ruggiero

### EVA BROWN AWARD FOR THE BEST ALL ROUND PUPIL YEAR 11

Akshima Marwah

### PRINCIPAL'S ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 12

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Sophie Barron  
Jack Fawthorpe  
Connor Hoskin  
Aranga Molijn  
Deijah Reuben-Whanarere  
Abby Squire

Mathew Anscombe  
Callista Booth-Richards  
Annushka Forrest  
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Jared Sim  
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Azariah Drummond  
Anita Hohaia  
Blake La Roche  
Rebekah Phillips  
Emily Sorensen  
Sharon Xu

### BEST ALL ROUND PUPIL YEAR 12

Callista Booth-Richards

### SPECIAL SPORTS AWARDS YEAR 13

Travis Bayler Mrs Robinson's Cup for Boys' Sport - Dux Ludorum  
Rebecca Baker Mr Smellie's Cup for Girls' Sport - Dux Ludorum  
Rebecca Baker Sloan/Kauika Trophy for Outstanding Leadership in Sport  
Keightley Watson WHS Principal's Cup for Most Outstanding Sporting Achievement  
Rebecca Baker Bradley Martin Memorial Trophy for Sportsmanship in Sport  
Phillips Electrical A1 Netball The WHS Cup for Team of the Year

### SPECIAL CULTURAL AWARDS YEAR 13

Ben Power Dux Artium - Male  
Emelye Brown Dux Artium - Female  
Abby Squire The Principal's Cup for Excellence in the Arts  
Sasha Matthews WHS Cup for Outstanding Contribution to the Cultural Life of the School  
Abigail Martin WHS Cup for Outstanding Leadership in the Cultural Life of the School  
Emelye Brown WHS Brown Family Cup for Co-Curricular Involvement in the Cultural Life of the School

### SPECIAL MAORI AWARDS YEAR 13

Zeah Brewer Maori Dux  
Victoria Webster Marewa Ki Te Rangi Taonga for Maori Leadership - Female

### SPECIAL PASIFIKA AWARDS YEAR 13

Miciah Tait WHS Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Pasifika  
Josefa Tamaniyaga Seunu'u Mau Leleimalefaga Memorial Trophy - Male Leadership Pasifika  
Jericho Leiasamaivao Turvey Seunu'u Mau Leleimalefaga Memorial Trophy - Female Leadership Pasifika

### SPECIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 13

Lucy Black PTA Cup for Significant Academic Effort  
Leigh-ana Hale WHS Cup for All Round Excellence in Year 13

### WHANGANUI HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPION HOUSE

Whenua The WHS Shield for Champion House

### SCHOLARSHIPS YEAR 13

Keelan Tui The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award  
Hunter Flanagan-Connors Murray Nelson Potts Memorial Scholarship  
Lucy Black Alan Skilton Memorial Scholarship

### TERTIARY STUDY AWARDS

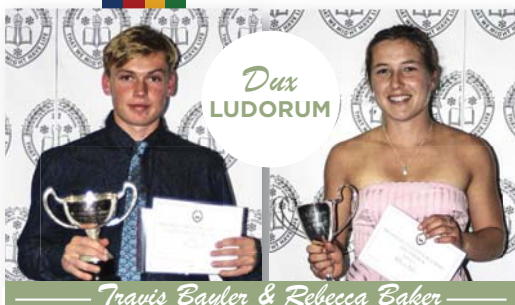
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Kevin Chen Candice Clark  
Olea Drummond Leigh-ana Hale  
Sasha Matthews Rebecca Neilson  
Jordan Poynter Madeleine Thompson  
Emelye Brown  
Hunter Flanagan-Connors  
Helena Hazelhurst  
Luke Pearson  
Keelan Tui

### PROXIME ACCESSIT

Ben Power

### DUX OF THE SCHOOL

Ahimsha Saravanapavan



# NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE NEW ZEALAND

## Join us

## Saturday 7 December Civic Centre to Parliament Grounds 2pm

*Gather at the Civic Centre, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington  
from 12pm for pro-life stalls, sausage sizzle  
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More than

# 500,000

unborn kiwi lives lost to abortion.

Countless

# Women and families

wounded physically, emotionally and spiritually.

## Every human life is precious!

Join pro-life New Zealanders  
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National March for Life.

Be a voice for the voiceless and  
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#MarchforLifeNZ

#500kReasons

This December there are at least

# 500,000

very good reasons to March for Life in Wellington.

More than 500,000 pre-born children have been aborted in New Zealand.

Countless women and families carry the hurt and wounds of abortion.

We know we can do better than this.

**March for a New Zealand where the beauty and dignity of  
every human life are valued and protected from conception.**

The aims of the March for Life are to:

- **Celebrate** life.
- **Remember** the more than 500,000 pre-born babies who have lost their lives to abortion.
- **Increase public awareness** of abortion, and its impact on women, families and society.
- **Peacefully protest** the practice and legality of abortion.
- **Bring all New Zealanders of good will together**, united in the one common vision of making abortion unthinkable.

This is a family-friendly event.

## Who should attend?

- Families
- Children
- Health Professionals
- Clergy and Religious Communities
- Politicians
- All people of good will

**Mark your calendars now and join us  
December 7, 2019 | Wellington**



# MARCH FOR LIFE NEW ZEALAND

[marchforlife.nz](http://marchforlife.nz)





# INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

December  
5

## International Volunteer Day - celebrating volunteers

International Volunteer Day on 5 December was designated by the United Nations in 1985 as an international observance day to celebrate the power and potential of volunteerism.

It is an opportunity for volunteers, and volunteer organisations, to raise awareness of and

gain understanding for, the contribution they make to their communities. It is also viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organisations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values and to promote their work.

The act of volunteering is found in all cultures,

languages and religions. Each year, hundreds of millions of people volunteer their time and skills to help make the world a better place.

When they volunteer, they help to improve the lives of others. And when they volunteer, they also gain a greater sense of belonging to

their communities.

The theme for the Day in 2019 Volunteer for an Inclusive Future – E whai wāhi ai te katoa, kia tūao te tū.”

# VOLUNTEER



## The perks of volunteering

Not only is volunteering important because it helps to better your community, it also helps to better you as an individual. Volunteering is a free way to feel good about yourself. The best part is that you get to share that positivity to those you're volunteering with.

This feel good feeling is actually shown to decrease your risk of depression because it keeps you active and helps you make new, fulfilling connections. Additionally, it's a good way to reduce stress that may come from work or your relationships.



## Wanganui Lions

*Helping our  
community for more  
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are active in  
our club.*

## Trends in volunteering

Volunteering has been seen as synonymous with some sort of charitable work in which mostly older generations got engaged. The charitable causes weren't necessarily considered to be part of their everyday lives but an extra work they did to utilise their time effectively, while adding some value and happiness to someone else's life.

Younger people generally prefer some sort of purposeful volunteering that will not only give them an opportunity to

help others, but help themselves as well.

Another trend is shortage of time leading to short-term volunteering, sometimes known as 'micro-volunteering.' The attributes include small amounts of time, easy to access, immediate, convenient, focused tasks, informal agreement and ability to explore.

Volunteering abroad is becoming more popular with the cost of travelling having been reduced. More than 62.6 million people volunteered

abroad in 2016/17.

Social media can be a strong influence with people uploading their volunteering photographs and stories on different social media sites, encouraging their friends to consider doing something similar.

Volunteering is also seen as a building block for a future career, whether the volunteering is done at home or overseas. International experience of working, living and being immersed in a different culture and language is a positive addition on any CV. By volunteering, people gain a variety of skills and knowledge as well as empathy and motivation.

## The economic contribution volunteering makes

Around 1.2 million kiwis volunteer for at least one charity or not-for-profit organisations, which adds up to over 157 million hours donated to our communities each year.

This generosity and community spirit means that not-for-profit organisations contribute \$6 billion worth of time and skills to our GDP every year. The value of volunteers' labour alone contributes \$3.5 billion to our GDP.

Volunteering is important for all communities regardless of their size or location. Volunteers make a huge contribution to New Zealand in almost every type of activity: From sports, recreation, arts, culture and heritage to emergency and social services, health, education, conservation and the environment.



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## International Volunteer Day

December 5



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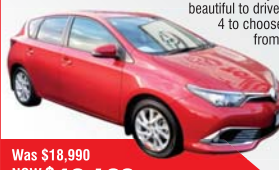
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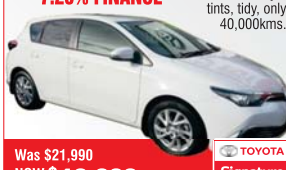
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# Two day seminar to learn benefits of traditional Maori musical instruments for mental health and trauma

Awa Puoro is a recently formed informal group of people with an interest in playing, introducing and teaching others about ngā taonga puoro (traditional Māori musical instruments). The group formed earlier this year and has been seen around Whanganui performing in such locations as The Sarjeant Gallery, the cities Libraries, Bushy Park, The I-site and Castlecliff Beach among others. Over the past few months the group has also been invited to participate in and run workshops with different organisations including Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority and Taumarunui High School.

In response to the community demand to learn more about taonga puoro and how players have used these instruments to assist with managing mental health conditions and trauma, Awa Puoro have organised and are co-facilitating a wānanga this December (13-15 December) at Te Ao Hou Marae, Whanganui. This wānanga is an opportunity to introduce ngā taonga puoro to the wider

community by highlighting one of their traditional uses, which was healing. The wānanga is being run in collaboration with ngā taonga puoro practitioners, Te Ao Hou Marae and Healthy Families at Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority. It is seeking to bring community and taonga puoro practitioners working together to make and play instruments, as well as group discussions with iwi counsellors and health professionals. The tutors include Ruby Mae Hinepunui Solly (Kai Tahu) from Wellington who is an accomplished musician, having just returned from playing with Yo Yo Ma in Christchurch, and has undertaken academic research in taonga puoro as music therapy. Also tutoring will be Jamie Turama Tuahuriri Downes (Ngati Tuwharetoa, Ngati Ruru) who, after struggling with his own mental health, has created customised programmes for Maori that are currently delivered within prisons and youth programmes.

It is planned that the wānanga will finish with participants presenting a

concert on Sunday, 15 December at 1pm at Te Ao Hou Marae, which will be free and open to the wider community to attend. Other kaiako (teachers), include: Elise Goodge (Ngā Tāngata Tiriti), Sam Palmer and Tom Johnson (Ngāti Kahungunu).

There is a limit of 30 places for the wānanga and a cost of \$100 per participant. This cost covers all expenses including accommodation, meals, materials and of course tuition. An invitation is extended to those who may be interested in learning about ngā taonga puoro to register for this wānanga by contacting email [awapuorowhanganui@gmail.com](mailto:awapuorowhanganui@gmail.com).

gmail.com.

The key contact person for the group is Sebastian Lowe. Other members include Jessica Kahukura, Kiri McGuire, Lee Williams and Gail Imhoff. New members are welcome to join the group at any time by making contact through the Awa Puoro closed group on Facebook.

Awa Puoro acknowledges the support received from Geoffrey Hipango at Te Ao Hou Marae, Creative Communities, Whanganui, James Cook University in Cairns, Healthy Families at Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority and the Whanganui Learning Centre Trust.



From left: Merenia Ashwell, Lee Williams, Jessica Kahukura at The Alexander Heritage and Research Library, Whanganui. (Photo by Gail Imhoff)

## Bouquet of the Week



Dianne Harris

Dianne Harris is the key person at the Rummycub group at the St Johns Club organising the meetings, making the special wooden boards, picking members up, "helping out no matter what and always doing something for someone." She has been doing this for the past three years despite being in poor health herself.

Other comments include, "one of the kindest people I have known," and "nothing is a trouble to her."

The members appreciate what she does and asked if Dianne could be given the Bouquet of the week at their lunch on Tuesday, November 26. The RCP was happy to oblige and surprised Dianne in front of the group (they have a membership of over 40) with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, put together by Nichola and her team at the Flower Room, an Inter Flora Top 20 Club member. Dianne also received a voucher for two at the Grand Irish Pub.



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# Christmas at the Races

This Saturday 30 November

Wanganui Racecourse

## Come join the action this Saturday

The Wanganui Jockey Club hosts Christmas at the races this year on Saturday, November 30 at their Cup Day festivities. In what is becoming one of the biggest events in town, tickets sold out earlier than ever this year as the club looks to back up from what was an outstanding event

last year celebrating 170 years of racing. The club welcomes a new sponsor of the Wanganui Cup with the Steelform Roofing Group taking over the reins from Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge after over 23 years of sponsorship. The club acknowledged the great support of CTL by ac-

cepting owners, Elizabeth & Peter Martin, as Special Life Members.

The Steelform Roofing Group has supported and sponsored racing in the region for many years and will now sponsor both the Wanganui and Waverley Cups. Last year Waverley stayer, Glory Days trained by Bill Thurlow, was the winner of both races which was a rare feat. Wanganui Steelformers has also been a local long term sponsor with owner Chris Back also being on the club's Board.

The Eulogy Lounge will be open to the public over 18 years old and will host the Protege Hairdressing Fashion in the Field after Race 5 with all entrants to register with a gold coin between 12 noon and 2.45pm with great prizes up for grabs. This year's celebrity judge will be ex-All Black and Dancing with the Stars contestant, Glen Osborne and his wife, Kylee.

The 'Snapped! Photo booth' will be on hand and 'The Replicants' will play live covers in the lounge throughout the day. The unique 'Damn Raucous Brass' band,



who recently toured China, will also be playing on the move around the facilities. The Wanganui Community Choir will be here too to add to the Christmas atmosphere and will also sing the national anthem before the Wanganui Cup. The Riding For the Disabled Dash will be after Race 3 and the pro jockeys will get a chance to put the RDA working horses through their paces and their moment in the limelight. The Repco Mascot race is always a crowd favourite and will be followed by the individual GG Glory races.

**The main entrance on Ingestre St Extn will be open to the public from 10.30am with a \$10 gate admission.**

There will be an ID registration table in the main foyer at the Function Centre for those U25 guests who are over 18 years of age. Racing is from 12.29pm to 4.34pm with 8 races scheduled.

River City Cabs will be on-course with a stand to get you home safely at the end of the day.

This is an R18 event with strictly No BYO alcohol and No Preloading or entry to the venue will be

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## Things you need to know

Bret Field, Operations Manager at the Wanganui Jockey Club explains the things you need to know for cup day:

- General admission is \$10.
- This is an R18 event.
- **Strictly No Preloading** - you will be refused entry to the racecourse if you turn up intoxicated. Security & Police will be on the gate and will turn you away even if you have pre-purchased your ticket.
- This is a **No BYO** event and searches will

be made with all alcohol confiscated so don't even think about it!

- **All U25's must register** in the Function Centre foyer with official ID. No Under-age drinking will be tolerated and minors will be ejected.
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# Balance Accountants raise \$13,000 for local Cancer Society

Balance Chartered Accountants have become the Whanganui Rangitikei and Waimarino Cancer Society's biggest business partner rapidly moving beyond the Bronze status of donations between \$1000 and \$2,500 to Silver (\$2,500 to \$5,000) and now to Gold (\$5,000 to \$20,000) with donations this year totalling \$13,000. Balance has 17 staff in Whanganui and another three in Ohakune.

Earlier this year a team from Balance participated in the Cancer Society's fundraising Relay for Life event and then put on a quiz to raise more funds. Recently they organised a golf tournament complete with a dinner and auction.

Brooke from Balance, said "We started back in August contacting clients, sending out flyers, messaging through email, walking around town distributing information

and visiting likely golf players." The effort was worthwhile as 20 teams of four players signed up and a further 20 came for the dinner.

They decided, at least the female staff members, to self-cater the dinner – for over 100 people. It was a huge effort. There was "Heaps of food" so

no-one went hungry with surplus food being distributed to Balance staff members. The Golf Event raised \$8,155 and this was handed over to the Cancer Society on Tuesday, November 26.

Centre Manager, Jane Burgess, thanked them for "Being here for us and being here for the communi-

ty." She added, "We look forward to building our partnership." Vice President of the Executive, Stuart Hylton who was there at the Golf Tournament, also expressed thanks on behalf of the Executive saying, "The money will be going straight back to supporting cancer sufferers."



Rachel, Emma (Fundraiser, Cancer Society) Jenny, Brooke, Katy, Charlotte, Jane (Manager, Cancer Society) Stuart (VP Cancer Society). In front – Judy and Cheyenne (Cancer Society)

# Wanganui Rotary clean-up litter next to shared pathway Te Tuaiwi (The Spine)



Four members of the Rotary group doing the clean-up

Members of the Wanganui Rotary Club helped clean up litter from the railway side of the new shared pathway Te Tuaiwi which goes through the centre of town from London Street through to Taupo Quay. The last section to be completed was from London Street to Intermediate School.

Unfortunately litter has built up on the railway side of the pathway giving a negative impression to the new and impressive shared pathway.

Stuart Hylton from the club said, "We picked up seven 60 litre bags of litter,

plus a number of other larger items that couldn't fit into bags such as car jacks, chairs, kids' toys and wheels. We did walkway and surrounding railway line/open drains."

He adds, "There was a lot of accumulated wind-blown litter and deposited litter (bottles and fast food items). Some had been there a while and imbedded into the soil. More than what I had envisaged."

The Te Tuaiwi (The Spine) shared pathway will be formally opened at 3pm on Friday, November 29 at 3pm next to Whanganui Intermediate School.

**BEARDS Beat BOWEL CANCER**

Grow a beard, raise funds and help us beat bowel cancer!

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**BEARDS BEAT DECEMBEARD BOWEL CANCER**

# It's time to get beardedly serious about bowel cancer

Every day on average, 8 New Zealanders are diagnosed and 3 will die from bowel cancer.

During December alone 250 of us will be diagnosed with bowel cancer and 100 will die from this disease, now that is something to get serious about.

This December we are encouraging men to grow a beard as a quirky way to start conversations about bowel cancer and to raise funds for Bowel Cancer New Zealand (BCNZ). Registrations are now open at [Decembeard.nz](http://Decembeard.nz) for our annual hair-raising fundraiser, so give your razor a rest and sign up for the chal-

lenge from December 1 to 31.

BCNZ General Manager, Rebekah Heal says, "Bowel cancer is curable in more than 75 percent of cases if caught early. We hope men will show their support and grow a beard, helping to raise much needed awareness and funds for a disease that kills as many of us as breast and prostate cancer combined – and it can affect anyone at any age.

"Bowel cancer affects both men and women almost equally, but we know men are not as proactive about going to their GPs and therefore more likely to sit on their symptoms.

Decembeard offers the chance for men to talk about a serious disease in a fun and humorous way."

This year BCNZ also has some ideas for women so they can get involved, help spread the word and raise funds. It is a great time of year to throw a beard-themed pre-Christmas party or sign up for a hair-raising adventure. Also you could 'Eat to Beat It' - have a beard-themed dinner party, ladies lunch, brunch or afternoon tea.

Heal says, "We encourage men and women to get involved this year so fewer people will die of embarrassment and more lives will be saved. 100%

of funds raised from Decembeard will be used by BCNZ for awareness, education, research and to support people living with bowel cancer."

To register to participate in Decembeard™ or donate, visit: [www.decembeard.nz](http://www.decembeard.nz)

BCNZ encourages open discussion about bowel cancer with medical professionals and avoiding 'sitting on your symp-

oms'.

## Symptoms include:

- \* Bleeding from the bottom or seeing blood in the toilet after a bowel motion;
- \* Change of bowel motions over several weeks that can come and go;
- \* Persistent or periodic severe pain the abdomen;
- \* A lump or mass in the abdomen;
- \* Tiredness and loss of weight for no particular

reason;

## \* Anaemia.

## About Bowel Cancer New Zealand

\* Bowel Cancer New Zealand (BCNZ) is a patient and family-led charity organisation.

\* The registered charity was founded in 2010 by a group of people affected by bowel cancer, committed to improving bowel cancer awareness and outcomes for people

with the disease.

\* BCNZ aims to provide clear and up-to-date information about the disease, symptoms, what to do if diagnosed and to support patients and families affected by bowel cancer.

\* The ultimate aim of BCNZ is to prevent lives being lost to this disease and to promote the national screening program rollout in New Zealand.



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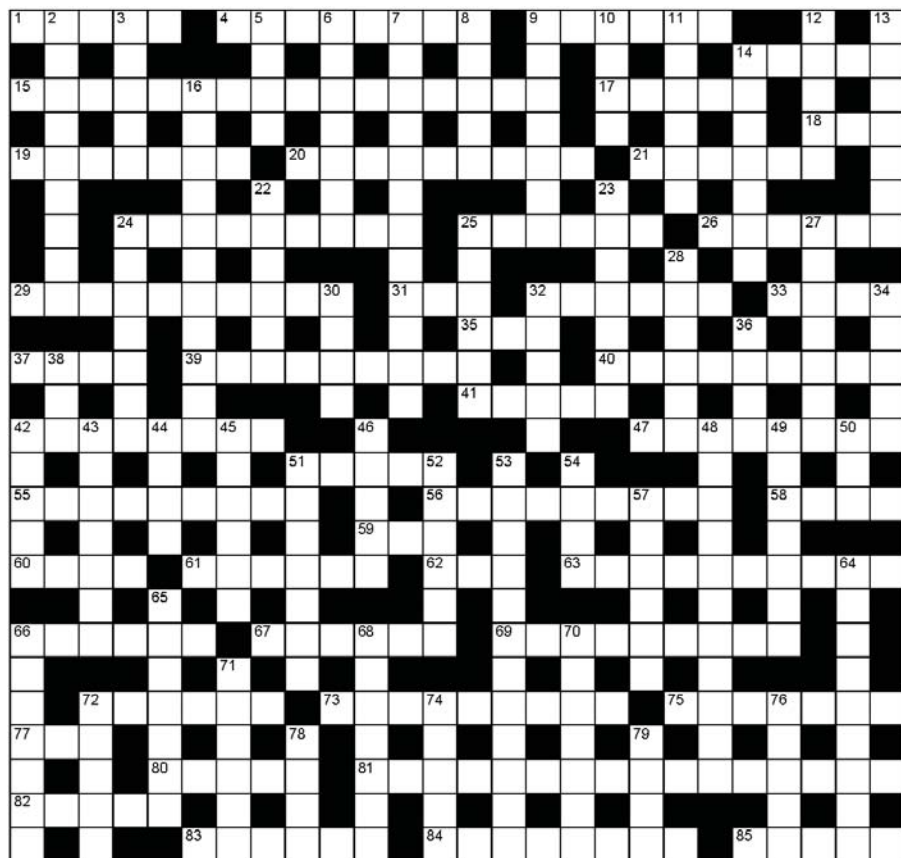
## Jumbo crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Inundate (5)  
4 Confirmed the truth of (8)  
9 Wooden hammer (6)  
14 Natural ability (5)  
15 Spoil with too much indulgence or generosity (4,4,8)  
17 Striped animal (5)  
18 Rascal (3)  
19 Covertiness (7)  
20 Bridge for boarding and leaving a vessel (9)  
21 Gambol (6)  
24 Daily travellers (9)  
25 Fashions (6)  
26 Reply (6)  
29 Pastry-making fat (10)  
31 Dudgeon (3)  
32 Public uproar (6)  
33 Pottery oven (4)  
35 Each and every (3)  
37 Largest continent (4)  
39 Snarled, caught up in (9)  
40 One running a pub (9)  
41 Long for (5)  
42 News report (8)  
47 Flying (8)  
51 Omits (5)  
55 Motor launch (9)  
56 Sleeve fasteners (9)  
58 Mailed (4)  
59 Spoil (3)  
60 Fate (4)  
61 Crates (anag)(6)  
62 Fuss (3)
- 63 Pickled cabbage (10)  
66 Financed (6)  
67 Entices (6)  
69 Plates, cutlery, glasses (9)  
72 Plaster wall coating (6)  
73 Laughed slyly, disrespectfully (9)  
75 Voracious fish (7)  
77 Facial twitch (3)  
80 Surpass previous best (5)  
81 Very quickly indeed (2,4,4,2,4)  
82 Waned (5)  
83 Arachnid (6)  
84 Seasonal allergy (3,5)  
85 Unrefined (5)
- 27 Speak quietly (7)  
28 Sultanate in NW Borneo (6)  
30 Dinner bell (4)  
32 Dog-biters (5)  
34 Courage (5)  
36 Roadway edging (4)  
38 Former French coin (3)  
42 Any two-footed animal (5)  
43 Mean, underhand (3-4)  
44 Cereal heads (4)  
45 Pressed (6)  
46 Movies (5)  
48 Booking (11)  
49 Watch (7)  
50 Religious sister (3)  
51 Heaped (7)  
52 Abolishes, cancels (6)  
53 Easily (12)  
54 Added bonus (4)  
57 Queasiness (6)  
64 Feeling no guilt or embarrassment (9)  
65 Fastened (7)  
66 Plume (7)  
68 Cycle bag (7)  
70 Respire (7)  
71 Frozen polar covering (6)  
72 Diver's gear (5)  
74 Australian parrot (5)  
76 Thespian (5)  
78 Pleased (4)  
79 Bogus (4)

## DOWN

- 2 Lime-based wall paint (9)  
3 Grinding tooth (5)  
5 Sound rebound (4)  
6 Mimic (7)  
7 Incapable of being digested (12)  
8 Reside (5)  
9 Stonework (7)  
10 Indolent (4)  
11 Hot coals (6)  
12 Fear attack (5)  
13 Sweet cover (7)  
14 Dropping (7)  
16 Bungling, inept (11)  
22 Romeo's lover (6)  
23 Chorus (7)  
24 Cut short (7)  
25 Free from fluctuation (6)



## SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER Extra

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

## Sudoku

		2	7					5
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3						8		
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7		9				1		

HARD

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

## Previous solution

5	1	3	9	7	2	6	8	4
8	9	2	5	4	6	7	1	3
4	7	6	1	3	8	2	5	9
6	8	5	7	1	3	9	4	2
3	4	1	6	2	9	5	7	8
7	2	9	8	5	4	1	3	6
2	5	8	4	6	1	3	9	7
1	3	4	2	9	7	8	6	5
9	6	7	3	8	5	4	2	1

## Previous CodeCracker solution

1	O	2	N	3	C	4	L	5	G	6	Y	7	E	8	A	9	R	10	V	11	H	12	S	13	P
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## Previous crossword solution

ACROSS: 1 Eject, 4 The third degree, 11 Irked, 14 Agree, 15 Uninhabited, 16 Need-less, 19 Sampled, 20 Lifer, 21 Inaudible, 24 Belonging, 26 Assets, 27 Octave, 31 Flout, 32 Lifelike, 34 Fictitious, 38 Miracle, 39 Eczema, 40 Aliens, 41 Keen, 42 Adheres, 45 Flattering, 50 Crooner, 54 Hymn, 55 Bearer, 56 Annals, 57 Officer, 60 Recompense, 61 Eternity, 62 Faith, 65 Riders, 66 Dreams, 67 Apathetic, 72 Tsetse fly, 73 Canal, 74 Cap-tion, 79 Refinery, 80 Anaesthetic, 81 Begin, 82 Shred, 83 Pleased as punch, 84 Reply.

DOWN: 2 Jigsaw, 3 Cheap, 5 Hunt, 6 Tension, 7 Images, 8 Drip, 9 Evenness, 10 Eye-lid, 11 Indelicate, 12 Knee, 13 Disable, 17 Venom, 18 Curtailing, 22 Again, 23 Napole-on, 25 Educate, 26 Average, 28 Allied, 29 Silent, 30 Ethnic, 33 Excel, 35 Señor, 36 Flue, 37 Sari, 42 Abhor, 43 Homicide, 44 Skewer, 45 Fire screen, 46 Airs, 47 Traders, 48 Ringed, 49 Nylon, 51 Raft, 52 Origami, 53 Elects, 58 Imprisoned, 59 State, 63 Tail-ings, 64 Decay, 65 Returns, 68 Plateau, 69 Stir up, 70 Mantis, 71 Social, 75 Theme, 76 Afar, 77 Feed, 78 Zinc.

## 5x5

C		S		S
	P		A	
M		R		Y
	R		D	
S		T		R

Insert the missing letters to complete ten words — five across the grid and five down.

More than one solution may be possible.

Previous solution

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## Subscribers to daily newspapers continue to decline

The number of subscribers to the Whanganui Chronicle, as with all daily newspapers in NZ, continues to decline. In the year 30/9 2018 to 2019 the decline was 5.3% from 7918 papers to 7498, a total of 420. These figures are available on the Audited Bureau of Circulation online. The 2019 figures include 151 papers given away free and 392 for 'directed circulation', leaving a total of 6955.

The New Zealand Herald has declined by 8% to 100,073. The true figure, once free and directed papers are taken off, was 92,630.

Other papers in the lower North Island haven't fared any better with the Dominion dropping 14.7%, the Manawatu Evening Standard, 14.83%, the Taranaki Daily Times by 13.78%. The Wairarapa Times Age did better than most with only a 1.55% drop.

The percentage decline since 2010 is significant. The numbers back then and

current numbers are as follows:

- Whanganui Chronicle: 11,217 / 7498
- New Zealand Herald: 170,700 / 100,073
- Dominion Post: 84,000 / 36,652
- Manawatu Standard: 17,000 / 5983
- Taranaki Daily News: 23,000 / 10,426.

The decline appears to be part of an inevitable recent struggle that daily newspapers, especially regional ones, are going through. The USA and Europe have seen the closure of many daily newspapers over the past two decades with only the internationally significant papers such as The New York Times and the Times of London being able to increase numbers. Some papers have started to charge for reading on-line. It remains to be seen if that approach can compensate for the decline in paper readership and advertising.

Free community newspapers emphasising local news remain popular.

## Winners of the Waimarie colouring competition

Eight year old Kindie Alderton was the winner of the Paddle Steamer Waimarie colouring-in competition organised as part of the 20th celebrations of the return of the Waimarie to sailing on the Whanganui River. She received a free family pass to sail on the Waimarie.

Four others were given Waimarie caps to recognize how good their entries were. They were Josh McMurray aged 8, William McKenna aged 5, Gabriella McKenna aged 9 and Wyatt Alderton aged 10. Their pictures can be seen in the children's section of the Davis Library.



Chair of the Waimarie Operating Trust, Stuart Hylton with Wyatt and Kindie and their mother Sheree Alderton

# A Whanganui Welcome

Supporting  
Newcomers  
to our District

## Heart of the Beat, is the Community Drumming motto

Community Drumming Whanganui has been going for three years this November. It has a special focus on Djembe drumming practicing mostly West African rhythms. Koffie Fugah, a Ghanaian immigrant to New Zealand, has just held his fourth annual workshop in Whanganui teaching us rhythms and supporting us to get out and perform in our community. This last visit, impromptu performances were given outside the Citadel and in Majestic Square.

There is a regular group from Community Drumming Whanganui who meet every second Friday evening and practice these rhythms. Managing the group we have grown to a committee of four including, Jacqueline Brand-Holt, Louise Rostrom, Tracey Coneybeer and Celeste Arbuckle.

Anyone is welcome to join up, beginners too and extra drums are available so people can have a go. The group receives invitations to perform from the wider community, including gigs playing Vintage Weekend, One Billion Rising, La Fiesta, Lights on Bikes and Festival of Cultures.

The decision to call ourselves Community Drumming Whanganui originally was because we didn't know how things might evolve and wanted to be open to possibilities. What we were sure of was that drumming together with others is a fun way to learn and it has a lot of proven wellbeing impacts.

A conversation between Jacqueline Brand-Holt from Community Drumming Whanganui and Gheeta Singh from the Lotus Women's Group has sparked something new. A chance for people



Community Drumming Whanganui Committee: From left - Jacqueline Brand-Holt, Celeste Arbuckle, Tracy Coneybeer, Louise Rostrom

in Whanganui to learn to play Dholak, an Indian styled hand drum. We have our sights on collaboration with dancers of the Lotus Women's Group and their Divali event which will next happen in November 2020. We are grateful to

Welcoming Communities Whanganui who have helped us with a grant to buy these Dholak drums.

If you are keen to join our regular African inspired drumming - find out more through our facebook page or email Com-

munityDrummingWhanganui@gmail.com.

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## Whanganui's first Futsal Tournament next weekend

Forty-one teams have so far registered for Whanganui's first Futsal Tournament, which is being held next Saturday and Sunday, December 7 - 8, at Jubilee Stadium in Springvale.

This free, family-friendly event is a collaboration between Football Whanganui, Central Football, Sport Whanganui, Whanganui Festival of Cultures and Whanganui District Council's Welcoming Communities Programme.

Futsal is a fast-paced, five-a-side indoor variation of football that's currently gaining huge popularity around the world. Because of its smaller team numbers and playing area, futsal players are compelled to constantly search for

space, improve their passing accuracy and concentrate on staying in possession of the ball. This adds up to a high level of excitement and entertainment for participants and spectators alike.

Central Football Operations Manager, Kylie Campbell says, "There is still time to register as an individual or team but spots are limited with tournament registrations closing this Friday, 29 November. No registration is required for the Have-A-Go sessions that precede the tournament on each morning of the event."

Eilish Graves, New Zealand's Deaf Women's Futsal coach, will run the Have-A-Go sessions from 9-10am on Saturday and Sunday morning with support from Helen Tal-



Futsal

bot, who is currently playing in the New Zealand Football National League.

Whanganui District Council's Welcoming Communities Co-ordinator, Katy Newton says, "All members of the community are invited to take part, either as players or

supporters and no previous football experience is needed. The focus is on meeting new people and having fun."

For more information please email Kylie Campbell at: kylie@centralfootball.co.nz or call her on 021 518 633.

## Welcoming newcomers to our community

"You can make a difference to a newcomer simply by starting a conversation or sharing a meal."

Katy Newton - Welcoming Communities Co-ordinator

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# Two days of jazz entertainment this weekend

# Whanganui Mayor voted onto LGNZ National Council

The Whanganui Jazz Club presents a special double night of entertainment to round off this year.

First up on Saturday, 30 November - we are excited to welcome the River City Jazzmen to the stage. Hailing from Christchurch, the Jazzmen will be bringing authentic Dixieland at its finest to St. John's Club. The band churns out the genuine Bourbon Street sound in the classic Dixie style, with incred-

ible improvisation and finesse. With Neill Pickard (founder of the Christchurch Jazz School) on banjo and guitar; Michael Fairhurst on trumpet and flugelhorn; Tony Lewis on the 'bone; Allan Hawes on clarinet; David Pitt on bass and Jerome Raate-land on the kit - this band is rated as one of the best in the country. You won't want to miss out on this spectacular night.

Come on down to St. John's and spend a few hours in the Big Easy!



River City Jazzmen

The River City Jazzmen: St. John's Club, 158 Glasgow Street, Whanganui. Saturday, 30 November, 6:30pm.

Part two of our jazz weekend occurs on Sunday, 1 December, when we warmly welcome

Emma Gilmartin and the James Sherlock Quartet to the stage. Like Susan Gai Dowling, we have imported another accomplished Australian vocalist for this event! A finalist in the Australian jazz awards, Emma, from Melbourne, has released four of her own CDs and has toured the world. This is her first tour of New Zealand and to back her up she will be bringing in some more Aussie artillery, with Melbourne's James Sherlock backing Emma up. Her style is a cool, smooth sort of cocktail jazz - reminiscent of a classic movie jazz set, maybe set in a cool bluesy

speakeasy, or a cosy little dive where you'd see Jack Kerouac sitting in the corner. We look very forward to Emma, James and the band gracing our stage - get ready for a very groovy evening!

To quote that classic term from the 1940's American jazz world: "Be there, or be square." This will be a show that will leave you snapping your fingers and humming as you waltz out - you won't want to miss it!

Emma Gilmartin and the James Sherlock Quartet: St. John's Club, 158 Glasgow Street, Whanganui. Sunday, 1 December, 6:30pm.

Whanganui Mayor Hamish McDouall is the new Provincial Sector representative on Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)'s National Council, after being voted into the position at LGNZ's Rural and Provincial Sector meeting on 21 November, 2019.

The LGNZ National Council is the elected leadership of LGNZ. Members act as the LGNZ governing body, set, guide and oversee policies. The Provincial Sector refers to all territorial authorities and unitary authorities with populations between 20,000 and 90,000.

Mayor McDouall said the provincial sector is enjoying a surge in growth unprecedented in recent decades. "We are seeing population increases and immense opportunities for employment and enterprise."

He said, "Whanganui exemplifies this transformation, with its impressive turnaround in recent years. With these opportunities, come pressures and challenges however, that this sector will need to address even as we work to maximise our potential."

Mayor McDouall sees the



Hamish McDouall

role as "a real opportunity to get in front of government and advocate for reform and investment."

"The Sale and Supply of Liquor Act and the Resource Management Act are examples of legislation that could be reformed to better serve the interests of provincial districts."

LGNZ Chief Executive, Malcolm Alexander said, "Hamish has a strong understanding of the issues affecting provincial councils and that's been recognised by the wider Provincial Sector in their selection of him as their representative."

He said, "We look forward to having his perspective around the table throughout the current triennium."

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The United Nations has also set out the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, pledging to "leave no one behind." This is a fundamental principle which is applicable to all three aspects of the work of the UN – Development, Human Rights and Peace and security.

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## Student follows Business Studies pathway in Whanganui



Casey and son Teina

Whanganui students are finding that it is practical to complete a degree in Business without leaving town, through a range of flexible learning pathways. Cassy Titter is a good example. She started her finance and administration hikoī with the Whanganui River Māori Trust Board in 2009 as office administrator. Cassy is currently the Finance and Administration Officer for Ngā Tāngata Tiaki o Whanganui Trust, the post settlement governance entity for Whanganui Iwi for the purpose of the Whanganui River Settlement and which was established on 4 August 2014.

Cassy describes her whakapapa thus: "I te taha o tōku Koroua ka tū au ki te tihi o tōku maunga o Ruapehu ki te mihi kau ana ki te mātaupuna o ngā wai tapu o tōku Awa, arā tōku Awa Tupua o Whanganui. Te Awa Tupua ka herea ngā pakiaka o tōku mouri o Tuera, o Hinearo, o Aotea waka, o Te Wainui-ā-rua ki ngā taura whiri o Hinengakau.

Ka titiro whakarunga ki ngā karangatanga maha o tōku tipuna Kuia ki ngā wai māneanea o te Awa Kereu e rere mārie ana i te taha o tōku marae o Pahaoa. E tuohu ana tēnei ki Mataatua waka, ki Te Whānau o Kahurautau, ki Apanui, arā ki tōku papakāinga o Te Paripari.

He hua tēnei nā ōku mātua tipuna  
Ko Cassy Titter ahau"

"In honour of my grandfather I stand at the summit of my mountain Ruapehu, to pay tribute to the source of the sacred waters of my River, Te Awa Tupua o Whanganui. Te Awa Tupua that joins the roots of my existence to my ancestors Tuera, Hinearo, of Aotea waka, of Te Wainui-ā-rua to the many strands of Hinengakau.

I look up at my many connections in honour of my grandmother, to the peaceful waters of my river Kereu flowing serenely beside my marae Pahaoa. I pay homage to Mataatua waka, Te Whānau o Kahurautau, to Apanui, to my place of belonging of Te Paripari.

I am a product of my ancestors.

*English translation*

My name is Cassy Titter.'

Cassy comes from a big whānau up the River. She grew up near Parikino Marae with her grandparents who sparked her love of learning and instilled in her the importance of hard work. She is the oldest of four children (all girls). She lives with her partner of 14 years, and has a 19 year old son.

Her haerenga akoranga (educational pathway) started in 2006 with the New Zealand Diploma in Business, studying through Whanganui UCOL. Cassy studied part-time, and in between life and mahi (work) she completed the Diploma and an associated Accounting Diploma in 2018. For her endeavours she was awarded the top accounting award for the year from Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand (CAANZ).

Cassy's whāinga (goal) is to be a chartered accountant, so the best option for her is the UCOL Bachelor of Applied Management (Accounting pathway). Eventually this can lead to becoming a Chartered Accountant (CA). Currently, Cassy is a third of the way through the remaining papers for the degree.

Cassy has found working fulltime has been a bit of a challenge when deciding which papers to complete. Generally it comes down to what papers are on offer at the time. UCOL provides information online on the Moodle platform, which is very useful for someone in Cassy's situation. She has found this, combined with the informal and supportive learning environment, has really helped take the stress out of trying to juggle papers, mahi and life. She finds that Whanganui UCOL provides an awesome environment, and that everyone at the campus is there to manaaki (support) the students. Cassy says that teaching staff are a pleasure to learn from. She says that they know their subjects well and manage to make the learning enjoyable.



## Carols by Candlelight

This Sunday 8 December

7pm - 10pm at the Punch Bowl, Virginia Lake

Family friendly evening - Bring a picnic tea - Gold coin donation  
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## Get into the Christmas

The Rotary Club of Wanganui North is holding its annual Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, December 8 at 7pm to 10pm at the punchbowl, Virginia Lake. In support will be Brass Whanganui and MC Christine Emery. Father Christmas will appear with his elves at 8pm. People will be given a carol book and candle and holder as they enter.

Tim Davies opens the night followed by Shelley Walls, accompanied by Bruce Jellyman & Brass Wanganui, plus a large Choir led by Lyn Whiteside. Candles and song sheets will be handed out.

Come early with a picnic tea, seats, rugs and jackets (no alcohol allowed). There will be face painting sponsored by Property Brokers. Over 2000 attended last year. It is rumoured that Santa might appear accompanied by some of his elves at some stage during the carol singing.

Your gold coin entry donation will help support Wellington Regional Children's Hospital. Each year there are over 1400 young patient visits from the Whanganui/Taranaki area who need to use the services of Wellington Children's Hospital. Having a new children's hospital adds comfort to parents and young patients. It will be similar to Auckland's Starship hospital.

The Rotary Club of Wanganui North is very proud to organise this annual event as they have done for over 40 years and are supported by More FM & Summerset. Thanks to Plumber Dan for sponsoring the Candle Holders.

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# WHAT'S ON

## IN THE COMMUNITY

## Sports Talk

with Mark Dawson



Mark Dawson

### Barely a rower in sight ...

The Whanganui Sports Awards, once predominantly the domain of oarsmen and women, has seen something of a power shift.

In recent times the supreme award has gone to rowers Kerri Gowler, Chris Harris and Rebecca Scown (twice), but last year race driver, Earl Bamber, broke the mould (though sculler, Luke Watts was named national sportsperson of 2018).

And on Friday night, it was mixed martial arts world champ, Israel Adesanya, who scooped the main prize as the 2019 awards reached a colourful climax.

In fact, the only rowers to get onto the stage were some doughty members of Aramoho Whanganui in the masters category – but even that award was won by Whanganui's men's rink hockey team.

The evening was another splendid affair held, appropriately, in the precincts of New Zealand's likely oldest sporting club, the Whanganui Jockey Club. And, equally appropriately, it was a good night for equine contenders with the Rangitikei Area Distance Riders, Lisa Allpress, Brent Thomson, Lee Brooks and others in the limelight.

Adesanya's win was a popular one, the 30-year-old UFC middleweight champion having proved this year he can talk a good fight as well as fight one. Of course, I wrote about Izzy's rise to global glory in this very column a few weeks ago and I wouldn't, for a minute, suggest that had any bearing on the outcome.

Nigerian-born, now Auckland-based, it was in the River City that Adesanya first got into martial arts and where he decided he was going to be a world champion.

What his victory on

Friday showed was the ever-growing diversification of sport.

There were 48 different sporting codes represented at the awards and clearly the mainstream pursuits are suffering the disruption that the media and other forms of business are experiencing. What were once obscure minority interests (UFC fighting, for example) are now grabbing mainstream attention.

A mention for two people who didn't make it to the awards night. There was a minute's silence for cycling stalwart, Bill Main, who died last week and a tribute to the late Sue Westwood, long-time Councillor and Chair of the Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame.

The evening was another great showcase for Whanganui sport, m-c-ed by stand-in, Cath Cheatley, who showed she may have a bright future on the end of a microphone.

Next year the world's gaze returns to Tokyo and the summer Olympics and our rowers may well be back claiming the gongs at the 2020 awards. May the winds of good fortune caress their sterns.

**2019 Ray White Whanganui Sports Awards:**

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Anna Symes – Hockey

Claire Thomas – Football

Des Lock – Rowing

Diane Tasker – Netball

Egelani Taito – Boxing

Kay Kotuhi-Brown – Softball

Pauline Hiroto – Dance Sport

Sascha Mayes – Equestrian

William Hocquard – Hockey

**Rivercity Gas Disabled Sportsperson Recognition:**

Lee Brooks – Equestrian

**Whanganui Sports Hall of Fame Inductees:** Pat

O'Connor, Brent Thomson, Simon Owen

**David Jones Motors Masters Award:** Krystine Davies – Inline Speed Skating

**Stihl Shop Whanganui Club of the Year:** Rangitikei Area Distance Riders

**Mars Petcare Coach of the Year:** Gary Clark – Inline Speed Skating

**Treadwell Gordon Junior Team of the Year:** Whanganui Collegiate School Senior Girls 4 x 400 Sprint Relay Team (Ana Brabyn, Tayla Brunger, Genna Maples, Emma Osborne, Sophie Redmayne)

**Ali Arc Senior Team of the Year:** Whanganui Premier Men's Rink Hockey Team

**Moore Markhams National Junior Sportsperson of the Year:** Tara Raj – Golf

**NZCT National Senior Sportsperson of the Year:** Lisa Allpress – Thoroughbred Racing

**Sport Whanganui Roll of Honour:** Walter Rhodes – Hockey; William (Bill) Tanner – Football

**Velo Ronny's Bicycle Store International Junior Sportsperson of the Year:** Keightley Watson – Judo

**Mitre 10 MEGA International Senior Sportsperson of the Year:** Israel Adesanya – Mixed Martial Arts

**Ray White Whanganui Supreme Award:** Israel Adesanya – Mixed Martial Arts

Any correspondence to this column can be directed to email: rivercitypress@xtra.co.nz which will be passed on to Mark.

### Social Dance

Dancesport Wanganui invites all dancers to its monthly social dance on Sunday, 1 December at St Andrews Hall, Bell Street 7.00pm - 9.30pm followed by supper. Ballroom, New Vogue, Latin, Social dances. Theme - Christmas Celebration. Members \$5, non-members \$10. Information Kathleen 3442245 or Graeme 0274341823.

### Sunday Whanganui Male Choir

What: Whanganui Male Choir is in concert with guest, Shontae Arthur on Piano. Come and experience the magic of male voices singing the 'Traditionals'. When: Sunday, 1 December at 2.30pm. Where: Central Baptist Church, 285 Wicksteed Street. Details: Adults \$20.00, Students & children free.

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### Whanganui Amateur Radio Society Inc (Branch 48)

Whanganui Amateur Radio Society Inc (Branch 48) has its monthly meeting on 2 December, 7.30pm at Deer Stalkers and Hunters Hall, 100 Peat Street, St Johns, Wanganui.

### Welcome, Yule! Schola Sacra Choir Christmas Concert

Conducted by Iain Tetley. A variety of favourite carols and other entertaining music with audience participation. Saturday, 7 December 2.30pm in Christ Church, Wicksteed St. Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, U-18 free. Afternoon tea to follow.

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## LETTER TO EDITOR

### Raetihi write-up

Dear editor,  
I'd like to thank the person who did such a wonderful write-up in the River City Press about Raetihi.

A wealth of history not all arty-crafty stuff, even Carrot Park got a mention and who else would have a dinosaur museum!

I'd like this article to be published in the AA magazine "Directions".

Thank you once again for a great write-up.

- Margaret Haddon

Joan Rosier-Jones from U3A reports, "The first four talks in the U3A November Lecture Series have been fascinating and well-attended. Much attention was paid to ethical behaviour across a spectrum of issues – UN Peacekeeping, religion and animal and human research."

Unfortunately, the last speaker has had to pull out but U3A is delighted to have Ross Hardy, of Whanganui Eye Care Centre, step into the breach.

There is more to eyesight health than 20/20 vision. Age often brings

changes that weaken our vision. This visual impairment is associated with increased demand on community support services and functional decline such as depression, falls and the need for nursing home care. Timely detection and treatment of eye disease will reduce the risks and offers therapies for maintaining lifelong eye health.

Ross will be giving an 'eye-opening' talk about the many treatments and services available from an optometrist today. Optometrists don't simply test your eyes in order to

prescribe the right lenses for your glasses. There are many other issues concerning vision care and therapy, some of which we are scarcely aware of. Most people have heard of macular degeneration, but what exactly is it and what can be done about it? New treatments are available for a number of other eyesight conditions and Ross will be there to explain them.

The talk is on Friday, November, 29 at 2pm at St Andrews Church Hall, 42 Glasgow Street. Free entry. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards.



Ross Hardy

### Advent Waiting

Take a day to stop for a while. Rest your body, rest your mind. Wait, emptied, open and ready to encounter God present in each moment and beyond in this Advent season. Saturday, 30 November, 10am - 3pm, \$20 with Catherine Woodcock rsj. To Register please call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3, or email pam.hopper@soj.org.au.

### AGM Whanganui Arts Centre Trust

Monday, 16 December at the Centre, 19 Taupo Quay, 7pm.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Phone 0800 229 6757. If you have a drinking problem maybe we can help. AA Wanganui area meeting list: Sunday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui, 9am; Monday, Friendship Hall, Morris Street, Marton, 7.30pm; Tuesday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui, 12.30pm; Wednesday, St Luke's Church Hall, 34 Manuka Street, Castlecliff, 7.30pm; Thursday, St Johns Lutheran Church Hall, 51 Liverpool Street, Wanganui, 7.30pm; Tuesday, Al Anon, Quakers, 256 Wicksteed Street, 7.30pm; Friday, Gonville Library meeting room, 12.30pm. Ph 0508 425 266.

### At Wisdom is Yours

Crystal Healing with Clairvoyant Medium, Natasha Spicer, this Saturday 30th. Sonic Light Bath, December 7th, 3pm. Meditation Saturdays 10.30am. For more information contact 06 3455002 or pop into 200B Victoria Ave. Open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturdays 10am - 3pm.

### Christmas Liturgy - Meri Kirihimete

(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time). Sunday, 15 December, 4-5pm. To Register please call Pam on 345 5047 ext 3, or email pam.hopper@soj.org.au.

### Clairvoyance Demonstration

Clairvoyance, philosophy and healing at the Whanganui Spiritual and Awareness Centre. Our speaker this week is Sian Jyoti Sykes speaking about Craniosacral Therapy & Yoga. 25 Tawa Street, Wanganui. Sunday's 7pm. All welcome. Cost by donation. Like our Facebook page or contact Robert on 345 6308.

### Free Education for Seniors

Keys to Safe Driving. Wednesday, 4 December, 10am - 2.30pm with free lunch. Book your place: 3451799, Age Concern

### Seminar: Getting to Know the Bible Better

7.30pm, Tuesdays, in the Christadelphian Hall, 138 Great North Road. Topic this Tuesday, 3 December: "Evening for Music, Meditation and Prayer". All welcome. Supper and opportunity to chat. Sponsored by Whanganui Christadelphians. For more about us: www.thisisyourbible.com, or phone 342 7726.

## Bible Friends Christmas play - December 3



The wise men in the photo are (left to right): Dave Clough, Daniel Sutherland and Adrian Baker; leading their camels Jenni Bristol, Christine Goodin and Cathy Belamore and following the star, Roz Baker

Bible Friends is a Christian group for people with an intellectual disability. Every year at Christmas they hold a Christmas play, which includes carol singing and a play based on the Christmas story. This event is put on for family, friends and anyone else that may be interested.

Each year, Bible Friends tries to

perform a new play, bringing a new perspective to the traditional story. This year's play is based on the journey towards Bethlehem of the wise men, from the point of view of some very quirky camels. It will be held on Tuesday, 3rd December at Christ Church Anglican, 243 Wicksteed St, at 7pm. Supper will follow.

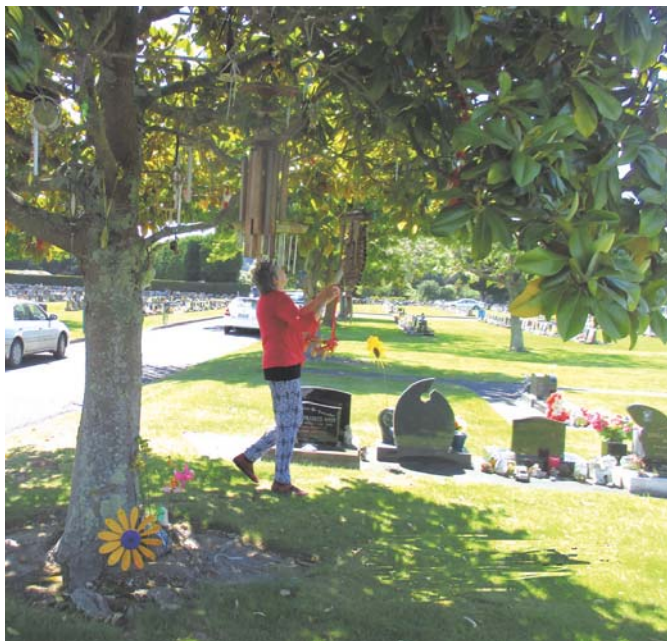
## Special commemoration next month to remember children who have died

Compassionate Friends: Bereaved Parents Grief Support was originally set up in England 50 years ago. In New Zealand, Whanganui was one of the first groups to meet and though it is a group no one wants to belong to, there is, unfortunately, a continuing need as families experience the death of a child, a grandchild, brother or sister.

Every year for the past 23 years, Compassionate Friends groups around the world have united together for one night of the year for an annual World-wide candle lighting ceremony.

As the commemoration coincides with the Whanganui Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, December 8, it was agreed that this year, the two functions would share the space at Virginia Lake. The group plans to meet beside the statue of Peter Pan – the boy who would not grow up – the fictional character who can fly and lives in Neverland with the 'lost boys' who fell out of their prams when their nurses were not looking.

The commemoration is always held on the second Sunday in December at 7pm local time, with the commemoration starting



Children's section at the Aramoho Cemetery

at 6.30pm. It is believed to be the largest mass candle lighting in the world as time zones honour the memory of their children from 7 to 8pm. As lights go out in one zone, another takes over and for 24 hours a wave of light encircles the globe.

The organisers say, "We, in Aotearoa are the first to light our candles, celebrated with a quiet elegance, we honour our loved chil-

dren."

There is also a tree decorating event on Saturday, December 7 at midday at the Children's space at Aramoho Cemetery to place Christmas tree decorations or wind chimes in the tree that shades that special area and at the Baby Loss Memorial Wall. The group donated the bench that sits under the tree, a serene place to sit and ponder, regardless of where your

child was laid to rest.

For more information go to their website [www.thecompassionatefriends.org.nz](http://www.thecompassionatefriends.org.nz). You can also contact Barry and Keren Marsh at [marshkandb@gmail.com](mailto:marshkandb@gmail.com).

## Real Christmas trees for sale



Jan and Micheal Spicer

You might have seen the sign on Parson's Street advertising 'Christmas Trees on Somerset.' The trees are at the end of Somerset Road at 121 and Jan and Micheal Spicer describe the trees as "The real scent of Christmas."

They have two acres of their own and rent another two acres. They have sheep, a horse and chickens but wanted to do something more with the land. They considered lavender but "it was too hard and the market is saturat-

ed." Then Micheal's sister suggested growing Christmas trees.

They did their research and decided to go for it. They buy one year old trees and within three years or even earlier, thanks to the soil, they are ready. Currently they have 350 ready but are planning to plant 500 annually, giving them 1500 to sell. They started in 2017.

You can't just plant them and ignore them. Micheal points out that "there is continuous pruning, shaping, spraying copper to get rid of bugs and bacteria – but apart from that, they are relatively easy care. We love it."

The trees sell for \$20 to \$50 depending on size and shape. You can select the one you want and it will be cut on the spot. Jan advises to, "Put the tree into water within an hour and it will last easily for four to five

weeks. Keep it topped up with water and there will be minimal needle drop. Keeping the tree out of the sun also helps."

They also offer the option for the tree to be picked up after Christmas for an extra \$5 and they will mulch them. As for the roots, they die off within 12 months and a succession of trees are planted in between. It is all part of a sustainable operation.

Sales will start on the weekend of November 30/December 1 and will continue after 5pm on week days until sold out. You can drive in, pick up your tree and drive through the paddock and out into Devon Road. On the first and second weekends there will be a bouncy castle for the kids and if they can spot a naughty Elf, they will also get a candy cane.

## Pigeon racing results

The St Johns Club Wanganui Pigeon Racing Adjunct held its final race for the 2019 Old Bird Season with an Old Bird Championship race from Kaitaia. The race attracted 80 pigeons from 7 flyers. The winner from the loft of B and A Fairweather covered the 590km in 9hr 36min 7 sec, for an average speed of 1023.58 meters per minute or 61kph. The pigeons experienced fine weather conditions on their flights to Whanganui.

**Results were:** B and A Fairweather, 9hr 36min 7sec; Jim Pullins, 9hr 36min 8sec; Don Lacy, 9hr 37min 20sec; Geoff Underwood, 9hr 37min 37sec; Dave Lacy, 9hr 38min 17sec; Shane Guddop, 9hr 39min 22sec; Robert Barnes, 9hr 53min 29sec.

As this is our last race for the 2019 season, many thanks to Hookers Transport Ltd for transporting the pigeons to their various release points, St John's Club for their ongoing support and River City Press Ltd for the publishing of our results.

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Combined Church Service at Majestic Square this Sunday starting at 6.30pm.  
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## Recent Bereavements

*Sadly passed away recently...*

**Cheryl Jean BISSET**, aged 69 years, on 19 November 2019.

**Ian James FOWLER**, aged 47 years.

**Peggy Lorraine MAIDENS**, aged 89 years on 23 November 2019.

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# Launch of children's book this Sunday



Janet and her book

Janet Mace has written a bilingual children's story on when a river becomes sick because people are no longer listening to it. However, when wise people do listen to its song it becomes healthy again and attracts the birds and fish. The book will be launched at Paige's Book Gallery this Sunday.

The idea came when Janet launched a previous book in 2017 - 'Jessica, the Seed Saver.' A friend told her that her next book needed to be about fresh water. After attending a book launch of 'Treaty on the Ground' Janet decided that her next story must be written in both English and Maori. She says "My hope was that the Maori text would be not just a translation of the English text but would add to and enhance the story."

She has an "ongoing deep concern about the state of Aotearoa/NZ's rivers and decided to focus on the health of a river for the story. After attending a local Creativity Workshop run, The Learning Connexion, she applied for and was granted a scholarship provided by TLC.

She chose to write a children's book, aimed at 6 to 10 year olds as "it is easier to put a message through a picture." She also enjoys drawing pictures.

A number of people have been involved in the publication including Shirley Mullany and Ian Christensen who wrote the Te Reo pages. Janet says, "Te Reo truly adds another depth of meaning and further enhances the essence of the story."

The book is available at Paiges. The cost is a very reasonable \$20. The illustrations are colourful and are an essential element when reading the story to children/grandchildren. The language is appropriate for the level it is directed at.

For more information go to [www.janetbradbury.co.nz](http://www.janetbradbury.co.nz)

## Blind Spot with Marion Hainsworth

The end of 2019 is upon us so this will be my last "Blindspot" until next February.

Congratulations to the Blind Bowlers for their successful results at the annual tournament in Auckland last month:

Vision Impaired Men's Singles - winner, Kenneth Fredericksen. Champion of Champions - Kenneth Fredericksen. Runner-up in Pairs - Colleen Pryce and Joseph Twomey. Runner-up in Fours - Skip - Kenneth Fredericksen, Joseph Fallen, Russell Lowry, and Sarah Fallen.

Plate Fours - Winners: Skip - Colleen Pryce, Roger Tuffield, David Couling, Christine Litchfield - Champion Province. Well done, Team Whanganui!

The Craft Group still has a range of gift items for sale. The last Thursday afternoon social for this year will be on 5 December. All attendees are reminded to bring along their Secret Santa parcel.

The Peat Street Office will be closed from Thursday, 19 December and will re-open on Monday, 6 January 2020.

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The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Whanganui District Licensing Committee at 101 Guyton Street, Whanganui.

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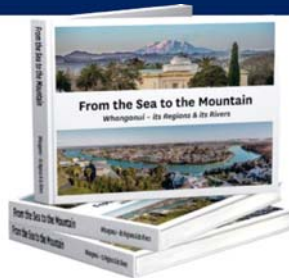
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Individual concerts: Adult \$35, Senior \$30, Student \$5

### Soweto Gospel Choir

Saturday 21 March, 7.30pm

A + B reserve seating

Adult \$87.50 - \$77.50; Senior \$82.50 - \$72.50  
Student \$72.50 - \$62.50; Child U18 \$51.90 - \$41.90

### Tina - Simply the Best

Thursday 26 March, 8pm

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Tuesday 5 May, 7.30pm

Premium Adult \$121.60, Child U18 \$82.50  
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Friday 25 September 7.30pm

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# SPECIALISED SERVICES

## MINZ flourishing at new premises

MINZ (Made in New Zealand) started four years ago and after two years at 139 Victoria Ave, transferred to 1 Victoria Ave in the Thain building, which was destroyed in the fire of late July.

The group wanted to re-establish themselves in another shop but it

took a long time as they searched and searched to find a suitable, available site at a reasonable price. It was frustrating as the shop at 1 Victoria Ave had expanded and was doing well.

They have secured 137A Victoria Ave, close to where they started. While the site

is smaller, it has "great storage space behind and upstairs. All our members have stayed on and likewise the artists for whom we sell on commission." Currently they have 13 members in the Collective and are happy to have more, plus another 20 artists who supply work to be sold on commission. It

opened on October 14.

The range of art is huge. They include: wooden toys (no metal is used) and doll house furniture, baby knit ware, wood turning products such as bowls, children's books by three local writers, memento key rings, Fabergé style eggs, one of a kind pottery, up-

cycled painted chairs, jewellery including hand made glass beads, flax flower art, locally produced honey, herbal balms and creams, ceramics, greenstone pendants and earrings, woolen hats and scarves, glassware, felted hats and photo art. That is a long list. Add to it

Christmas decorations which have just come in.

As one of the artists, Sue Elliot says, "There is almost something for everyone."

The location is good – next to a pedestrian crossing, alongside Sylvester Bags and the timing getting close

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